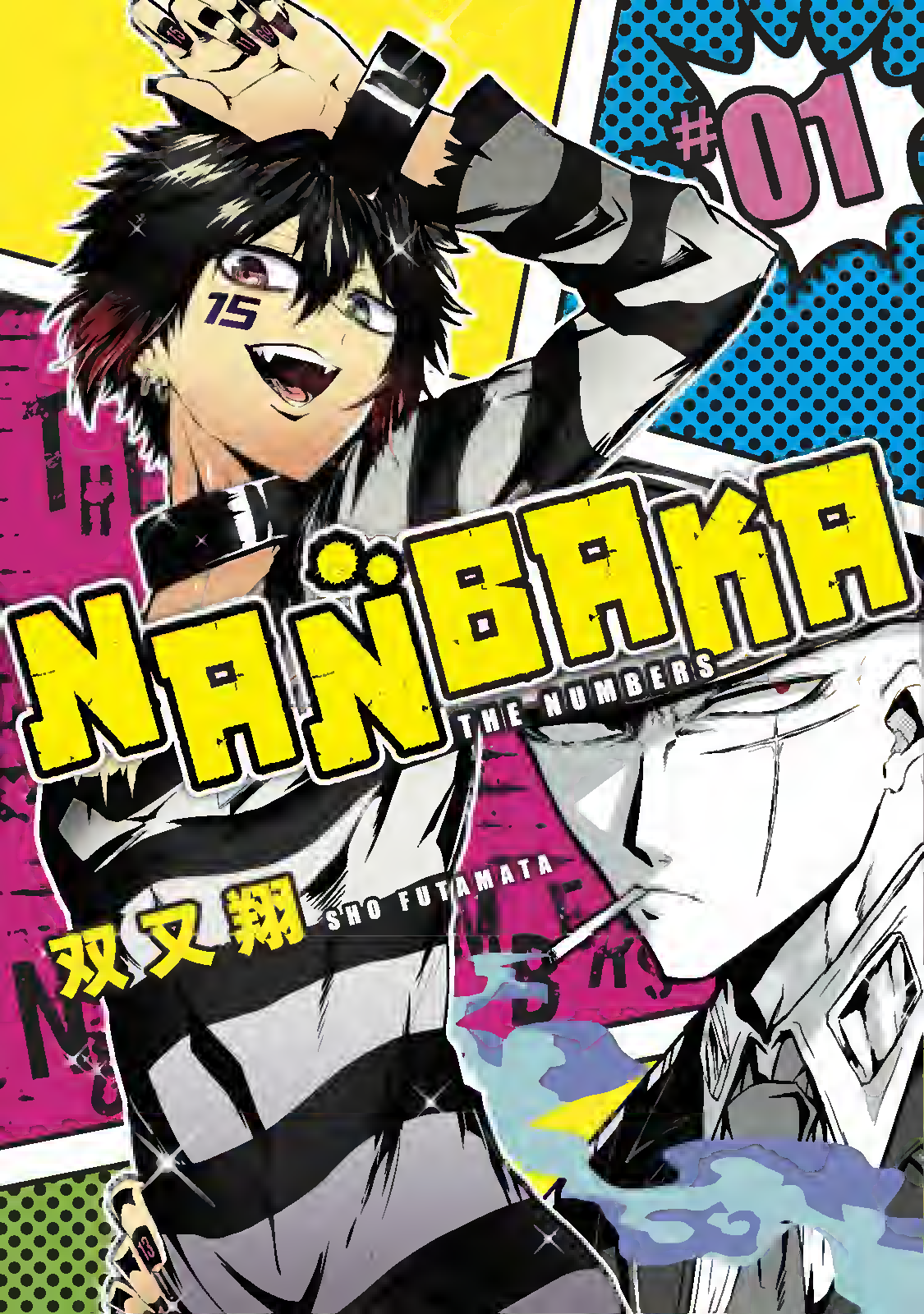
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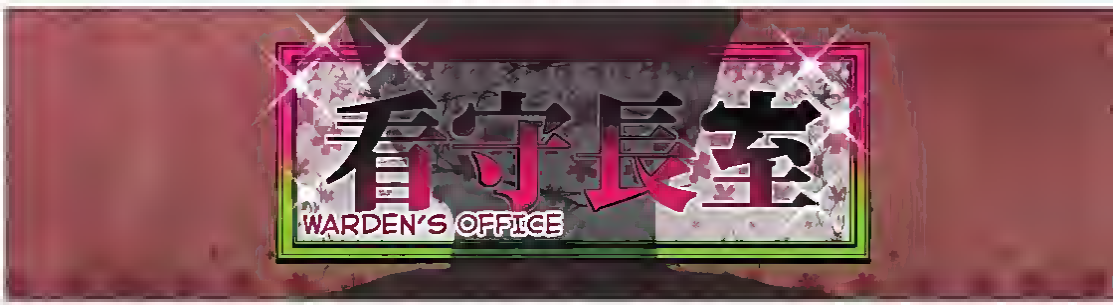
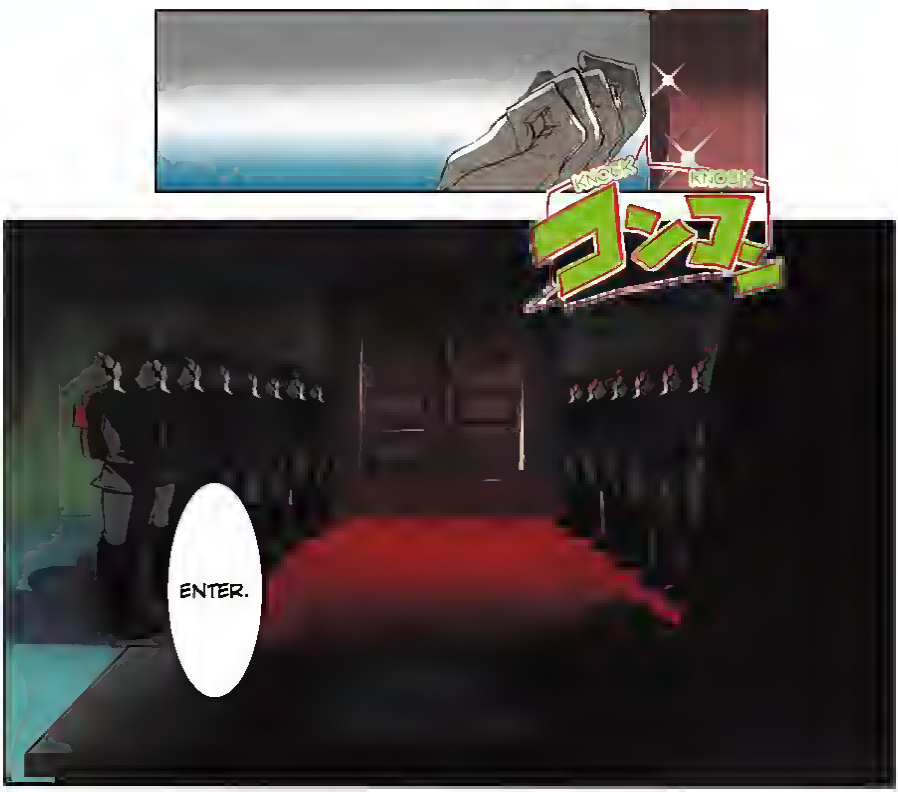
THE WARDEN APPEARS!!





CLICK
STEP
PARDON ME.
YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, WARDEN?
HALT
BAM

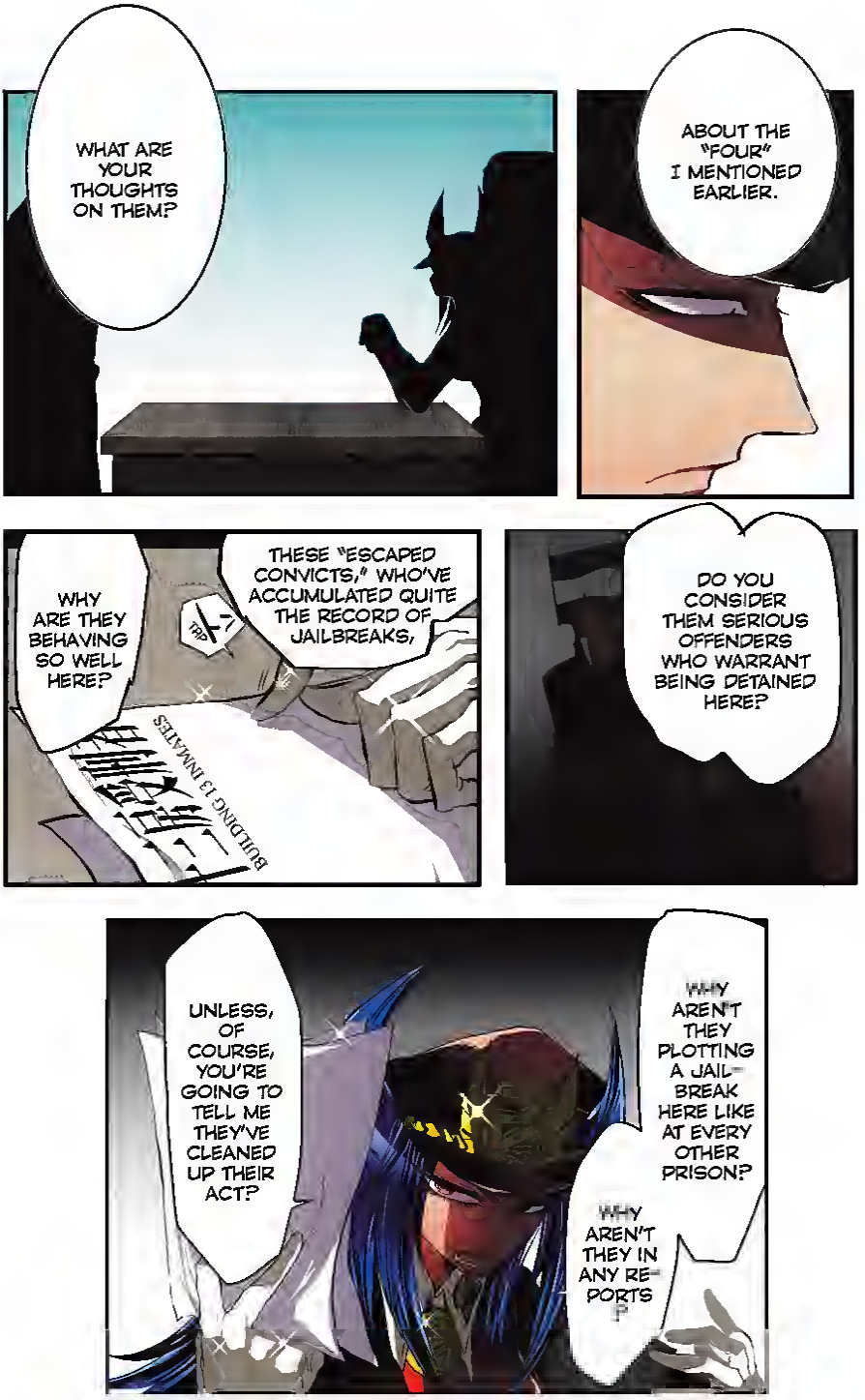
SUPER-
VISING
OFFICER
OF
BUILDING
13.
HAJIME
SUGO-
ROKU.
又六

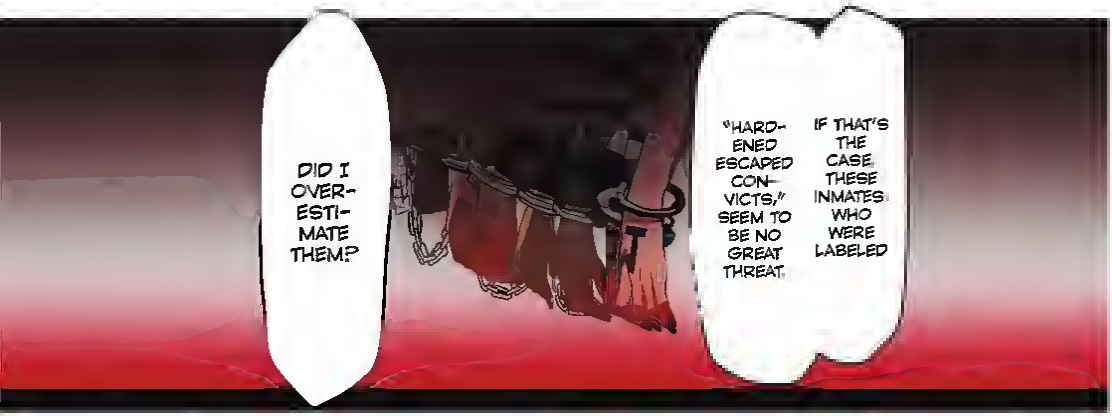
WARDEN OF NANBA
PRISON
MOMOKO
HYAKUSHIKI
I
WOULD
LIKE A
DIRECT
REPORT
FROM
YOU.
BOOM
ドーン
桃
PEACH
HYAKUSHIKI
WARDEN

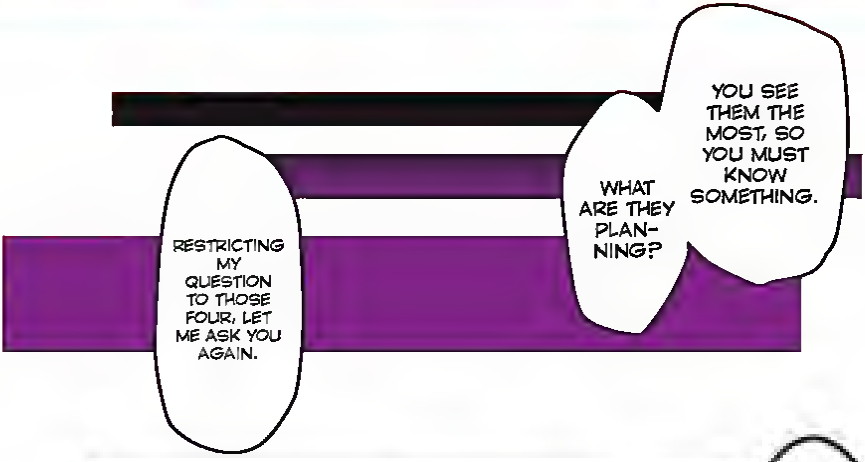
JAB
WHO THE HELL DO YA THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO!?
THE WARDEN SAID TO REPORT! YOU DO WHAT SHE SAYS!!
STAND
猿
MONKEY
NANBA PRISON
BUILDING 5 SUPERVISING OFFICER
SAMON GOKUU
DID YOU NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO READ IT YET?
I BELIEVE EVERY-THING IS IN MY REPORT.
HEY, HAJIME !!
SNAP
T-THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO!!
FLAIL
GYAAHHH! CAN'T BREAAATHE !!
AND I'LL BREAK YOU
WHO YOU CALLING A BALD GORILLA? HM? SAY THAT AGAIN.
WHAT DID YOU SAY!? DON'T CALL ME A MONKEY, YOU BALD GORILLA!!
GO EAT A BANANA SOME-WHERE.
SHUT IT, MON-KEY
CHI
ウキ
は
SIGH

AHEM.
GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS.
I SIMPLY WISH TO HEAR ABOUT THE STATUS OF BUILDING 13 STRAIGHT FROM YOU.
AFTER ALL, A PARTICULAR FOURSOME IS IMPRISONED THERE.
I WANT DETAILS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THE REPORT.
TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO ISSUES
I PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF BUILDING 13 BECAUSE I ACKNOWL-EDGE YOUR SKILL.
FOR THAT REASON,
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME DIRECTLY
THAT THERE'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ESCAPE ATTEMPTS.

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO REPORT.
YES,
VERY WELL.
I SEE.
MOVING ON.


WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THEM?
ABOUT THE "FOUR" I MENTIONED EARLIER.
WHY ARE THEY BEHAVING SO WELL HERE?
THESE "ESCAPED CONVICTS," WHO'VE ACCUMULATED QUITE THE RECORD OF JAILBREAKS,
TAP
BUILDING 13 INMATES
DO YOU CONSIDER THEM SERIOUS OFFENDERS WHO WARRANT BEING DETAINED HERE?
UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THEY'VE CLEANED UP THEIR ACT?
WHY AREN'T THEY PLOTTING A JAIL-BREAK HERE LIKE AT EVERY OTHER PRISON?
WHY AREN'T THEY IN ANY RE-PORTS?


DID I OVER-ESTI-MATE THEM?
"HARD-ENED ESCAPED CON-VICTS," SEEM TO BE NO GREAT THREAT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THESE INMATES WHO WERE LABELED

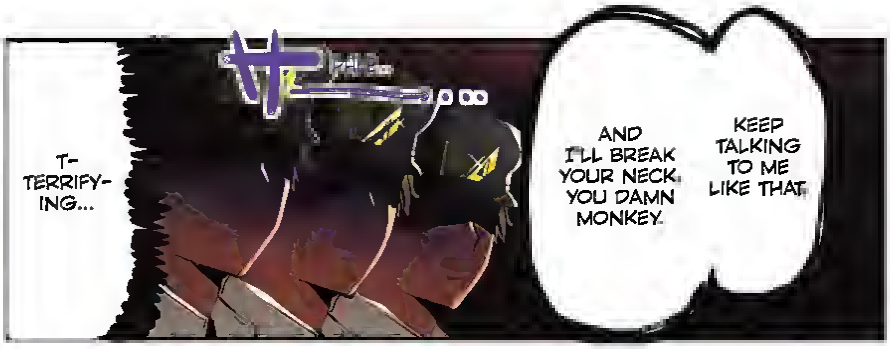

RESTRICTING MY QUESTION TO THOSE FOUR, LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN.
WHAT ARE THEY PLAN-NING?
YOU SEE THEM THE MOST, SO YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING.

HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PROBLEMS?

HARDENED

ESCAPED CONVICTS

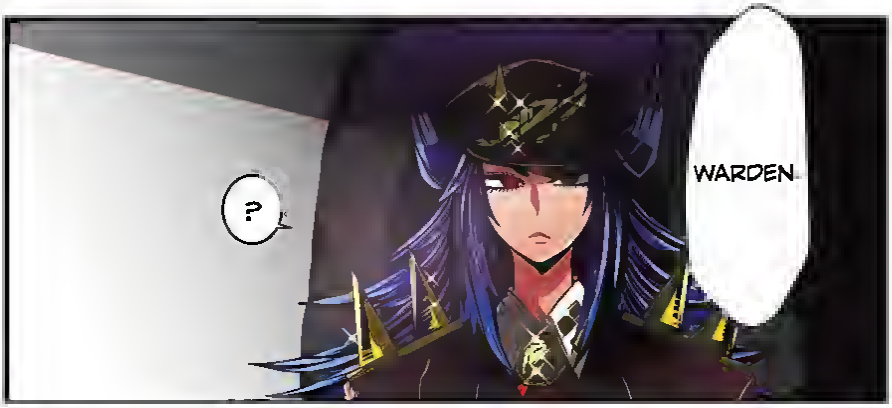
NO.
YOU BETTER BE TELLING THE TRUTH, HAJIME!! IT'S THAT FOUR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT! IF YOU'RE LYING—...
SNAP
THERE'S NO INDICATION THEY WILL ESCAPE
THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS AT ALL.
HM.
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A LIAR?
EEP!
GLARE
AHHN?


T-TERRIFY-ING...
AND I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK, YOU DAMN MONKEY.
KEEP TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT.

HALT

YOU MAY GO.
FLIP
VERY WELL.
I APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT

STEP
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM.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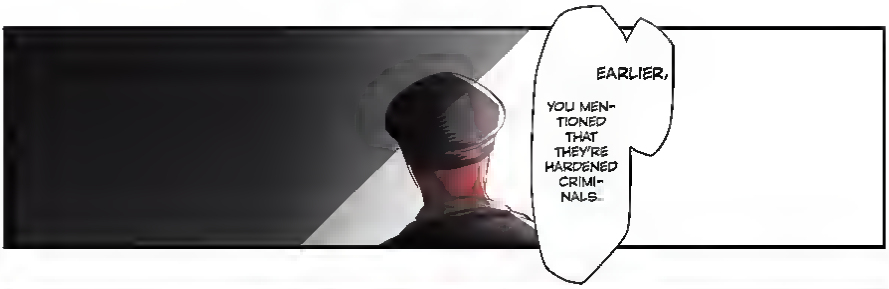
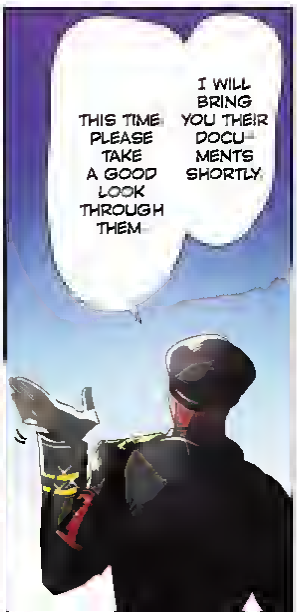
WARDEN.


EARLIER,
YOU MENTIONED THAT THEY'RE HARDENED CRIMINALS.

THEY'RE JUST BUNCH OF LITTLE SHITS.
BUT, IF YOU ASK ME,

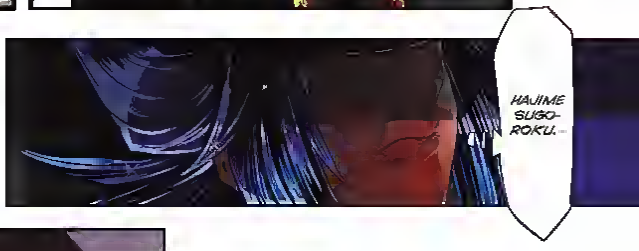
WARDEN HYAKUSHIKI.


I WILL BRING YOU THEIR DOCUMENTS SHORTLY.
THIS TIME, PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK THROUGH THEM.

バタン
SHUT

THE NERVE OF THAT GUY ARROGANT TILL THE VERY END...
...I'LL GET HIM DEMOTED IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.
?

AS I THOUGHT, THE WARDEN'S UPSET...
DAMN YOU, HAJIME SU-GOROKU.
BUT...
TURN
HMPH,
THAT PERSONALITY OF HIS IS NOTHING NEW.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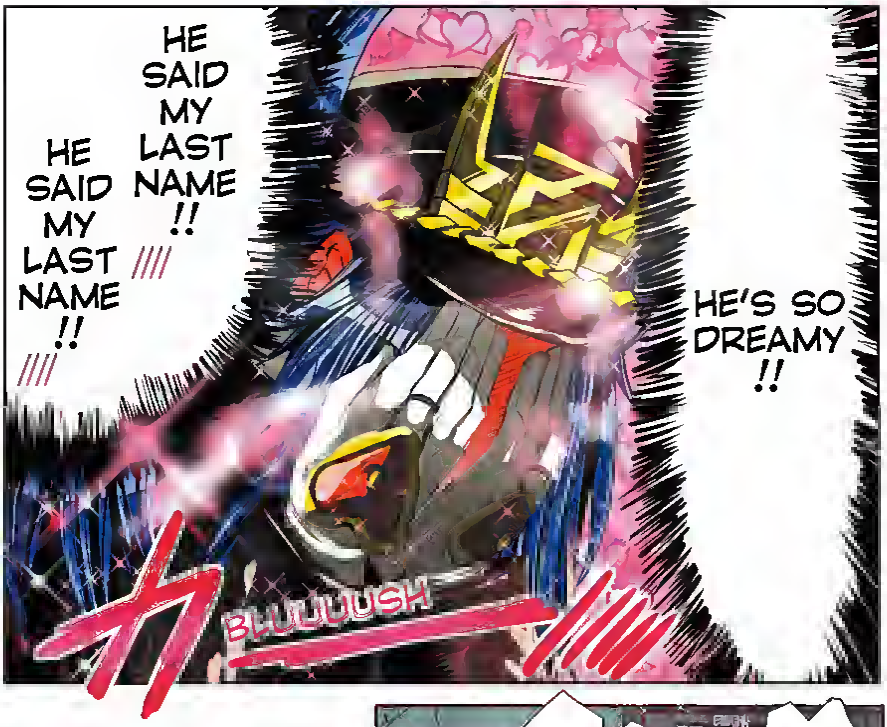
WARDEN HYAK-USHIKI


HE SAID MY LAST NAME !!
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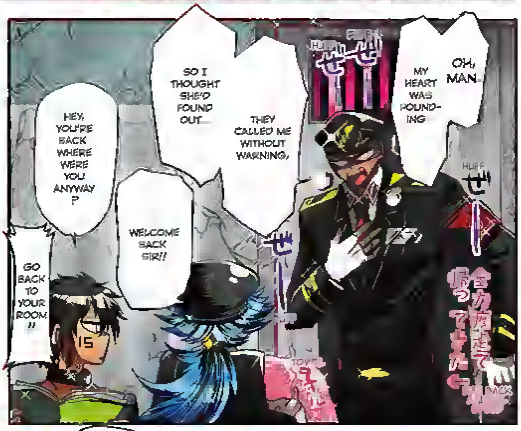
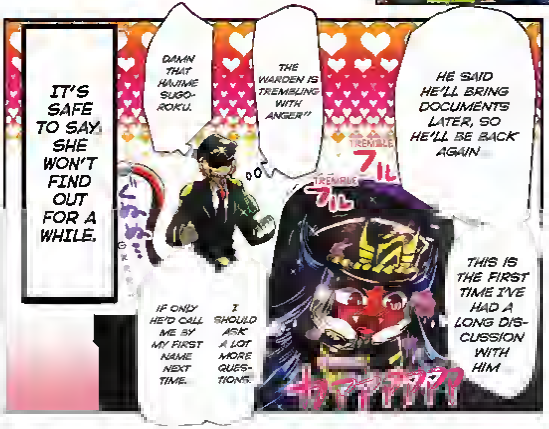
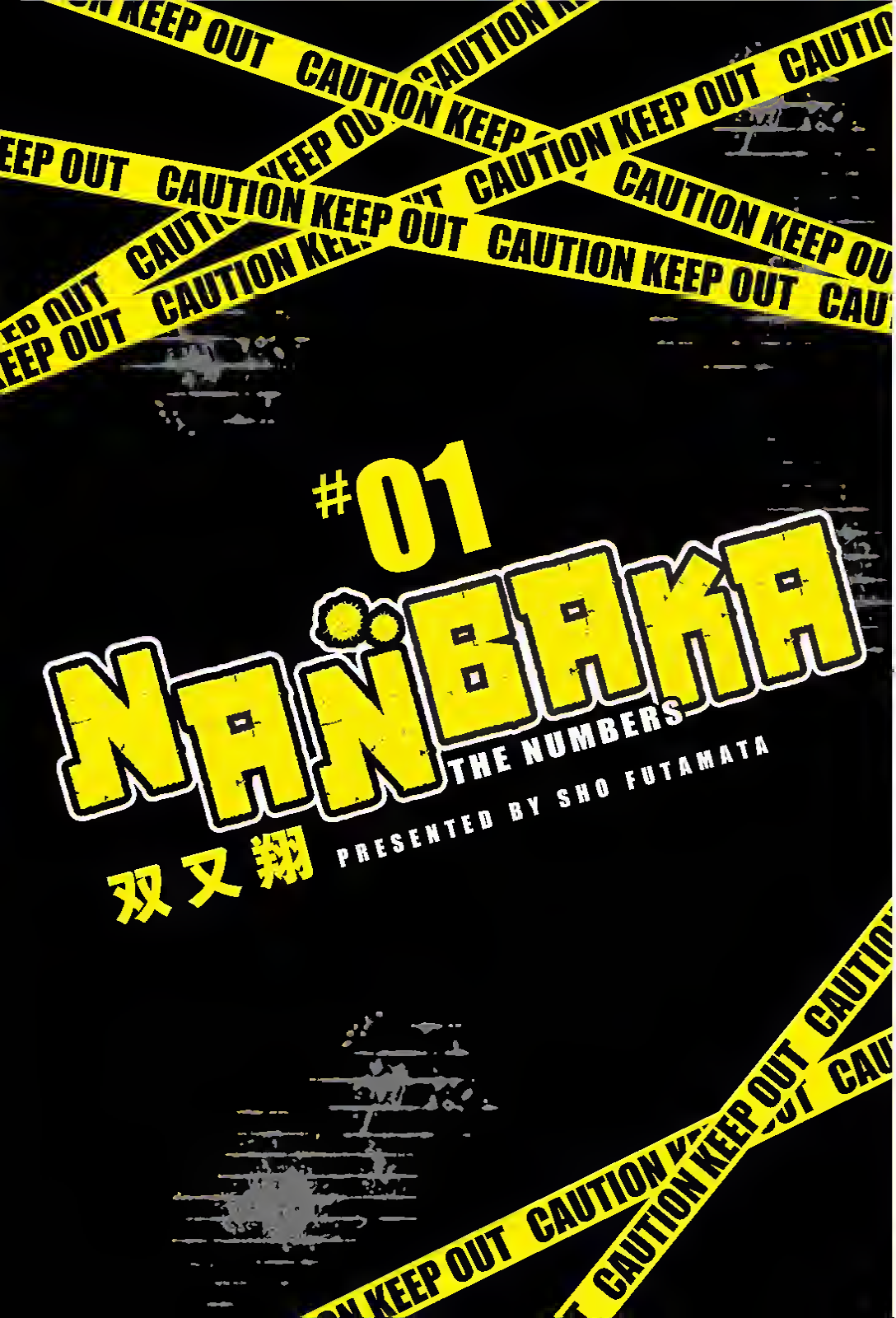
HE'S SO DREAMY !!
BLUUUUSH


OH, MAN.
MY HEART WAS POUND-ING
SO I THOUGHT SHE'D FOUND OUT....
THEY CALLED ME WITHOUT WARNING,
HEY, YOU'RE BACK. WHERE WERE YOU ANYWAY ?
WELCOME BACK SIR!!
GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.."


IT'S SAFE TO SAY SHE WON'T FIND OUT FOR A WHILE.
DAMN THAT HAJIME SUGO-ROKU.
THE WARDEN IS TREMBLING WITH ANGER!!
HE SAID HE'LL BRING DOCUMENTS LATER, SO HE'LL BE BACK AGAIN
TREMBLE
IF ONLY HE'D CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME NEXT TIME.
I SHOULD ASK A LOT MORE QUES-TIONS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IVE HAD A LONG DIS-CUSSION WITH HIM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CAUTION KEEP OUT

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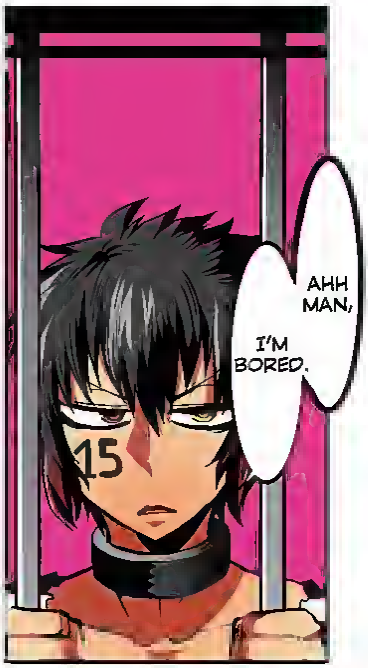

PRISONER X 4 +
GUARD X 1

囚人番号NO.1
通称『ウノ』
好きなもの…女とギャンブル
PRISONER NO. 1
NICKNAME "MENANDGAMBLING"
HEY, HEY, HAJIME-CHAN! ARE THERE ANY CUTE VISITORS?
NO. DO YOU HAVE TO ASK ME THAT EVERY DAY?
囚人番号NO.69
通称『ロック』
好きなもの…アンカ
PRISONER NO. 69
NICKNAME "ANKA FIGHTING"
IS IT CHOW TIME YET?
DROOL
じゅるっ
YOU JUST ATE!!
囚人番号NO.25
通称『ニコ』
好きなもの…日本のアニメ
PRISONER NO. 25
NICKNAME "JAPANESE ANIME"
HAJIME-KUN! PLEASE, I NEED YOU TO RESERVE THE LIMITED EDITION DVD BOX SET COMING OUT NEXT MONTH! I'LL GO GET IT ONCE I'M RELEASED!!
LIKE HELL I WILL!! WHY WOULD I EVEN AGREE TO DO THAT?!
囚人番号NO.15
通称『シュー』
好きなもの…自分の
CATCH ME AGAIN, KAY?
I JUST REMEMBERED I'LL BE RELEASED SOON.
HEY, HAJIME. I'M GONNA ESCAPE NOW, SO WILL YA EXTEND MY SENTENCE?
YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT AGAIN?! GIVE ME A BREAK!!
15
主人公
MAIN CHARACTER

REQUEST TO HAJIME-KUN

DONCHA THINK LATELY IT'S GETTING WORSE? THE OUTSIDE WORLD'S GOING TO PIECES
WHAT AN INSANE WORLD WE LIVE IN.
F... FRIGHT-ENING ...
WHOA, THEY ARRESTED ANOTHER MURDERER.
I HOPE THEY WON'T BRING HIM HERE
HE'S DEFINITELY A LUNATIC
NO WAY! THAT'S WAY TOO HORRI-BLE!
N...
UGH... AND LOOK, THE BODY WAS CHOPPED UP AND TOSSED IN THE OCEAN
BCK

YOU THINK YOU'RE SCHOOL GIRLS TRANS-FERRING CLASS OR SOMETHING !?
WE WON'T MAKE A MURDERER YOUR CELLMATE!!
PLEASE DON'T PUT HIM IN ROOM 13!!
WE DON'T WANNA BE HIS CELL-MATE! NEVER!!
イヤだす!
PLEASE, NO!

I SHOULD BE POPULAR WITH WOMEN

DON'T REPLY SO QUICKLY !!
GAAAA
HEY!
BUT, JYUGO, YOU'VE A TERRIBLE PERSONALITY, YOU'RE LIKELY BAD WITH MONEY, AND PROBABLY CAN'T GET A JOB.
YOU DON'T HOLD BACK, DO YOU?!
BUT REALLY, I HAVE MORE GOOD QUALITIES THAN BAD!!
I DON'T HAVE MUCH BODY HAIR AND MY NIPPLES ARE PINK!
HMPH
WANNA SEE?
NOT INTERESTED
THOSE ARE YOUR GOOD QUALITIES?
YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE GIRLS LINED UP FOR THOSE LITTLE THINGS? THINK REALISTICALLY
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SIZE? THEY'RE PRETTY
REALISTIC THINGS THAT GIRLS LIKE...
HMMM...
I GOT IT!?
--!!
I LIKE MEN TOO !!
ROARR
HOLD ON! ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF GIRLS WILL REACT TO THAT!!
DON'T MAKE UP CRAZY LIES!!

OUR USUAL DAY
EH!? JYUGO-KUN, YOU'RE GETTING OUT?
OHH? JYUGO, ARE YOU PLANNING TO ESCAPE?
IT'S USUALLY A BREAK OUT STORY, RIGHT?
IN THIS SITUATION,
YEP. THAT SEEMS TO BE THE SETTING SO FAR.
THIS IS EVERYDAY STUFF
YO, WE'RE PRISONERS, RIGHT?
怪
NEWS
SPOT
地図
WE CAN READ MANGA AND MAGAZINES ALL DAY
WE HAVE PLENTY OF FREE TIME, AND EVEN SPORTS TOURNAMENTS.
WE GET THREE MEALS A DAY AND FOLLOW A HEALTHY ROUTINE. WE HAVE A PRETTY REGULAR LIFE HERE
YEAH,
SHUT
THE FOOD HERE IS GOOD, OUR BATHROOM IS HUGE, AND IT'S ALL AIR-CONDITIONED
IT'S SURPRISINGLY COMFORTABLE
HONESTLY,
MORE ENJOYABLE THAN OUTSIDE
地図
NEWS
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EARN MONEY.
WE CAN'T GET A DECENT JOB EVEN IF WE DO GET OUT ANYWAY
AHH, THEN IT'S POINTLESS TO ESCAPE.
I MAY BE A PRO AT ESCAPING PRISON, BUT COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T HAVE A HOME
JUMP
NEWS
SPOT

ON HIS ROUND
WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING NOW?
HM?
THEN, HOW ABOUT
SUGOROKU
CHATTER
CHATTER
SO CARE-FREE...
WHAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHERS OR SOMETHING?
THEN DOES THAT MAKE ME A FREELOADER? A ROOMIE, PERHAPS?
WHAA?
MY OWN HOME WITH NO LOANS
JUST MAKING THIS PLACE MY HOME?
HEY
THEY'RE ENJOYING THIS...
YOU'RE THE PET.
WHAT ABOUT ME?

CHAPTER 11
NANBA PRISON WARDEN
"MOMOKO HYAKUSHIKI"
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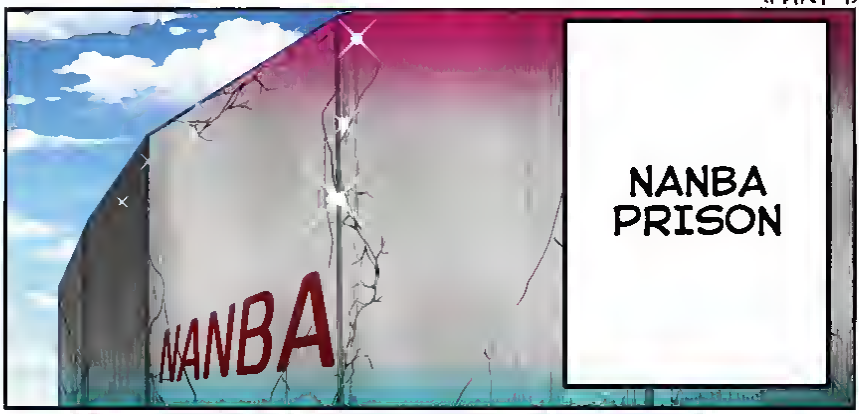
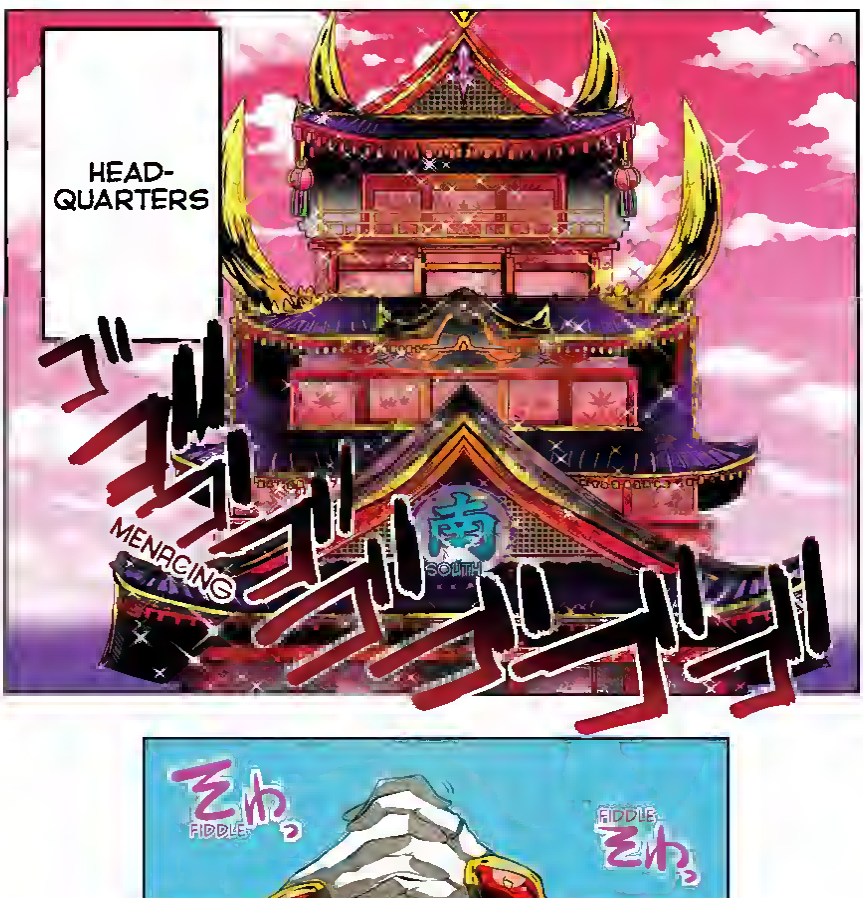
FAVORITE FOOD: SOY SAUCE
GLAZED DANGO
NATIONALITY: JAPANESE




HEAD-
QUARTERS
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そわ FIDGET
FIDGET そわ
THE WARDEN
MOMOKO
HYAKUSHIKI
WARDEN
コンコン KNOCK-KNOCK
E...
ENTER!
ドキッ JOLT
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM.
STEP スタ
STEP スタ
WARDEN, THESE ARE THE FILES I MENTIONED YESTERDAY ON THOSE FOUR.
V-VERY GOOD...
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP

AAAAGHHH!!
WHAM
PLEASE TA—
ARGH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THE WARDEN WAS FURI-OUS!!
SNAP
INSOLENT FOOL!!
THE HELL WAS THAT ATTITUDE YESTER-DAY!? YOU DIS-RESPECT-ING THE WARDEN!?
APOLOGIZE FOR YES-TERDAY'S INSO-LENCE!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
AAAH... THIS IS NOT HOW I IMAGINED OUR NEXT MEETING...
COUGH
TWITCH
TWITCH
P... PLEASE FORGIVE ME... WARDEN ...
COUGH

HAHAHA
HA-HA!! TAKE THAT, YOU HULKING GORILLA !!
YOU DE-SERVED IT!!
UKYAA !?
CLUTCH
RUUUMMBLE
SQUEEEEZE
LOOKS LIKE YOU WANNA DIE, HUH, YOU DAMN MONKEY ...?
WHACK
WHAM
SPLAT
PUNCH
CRACK
HIGYAAAHHHH!!!
しばらくお待ちください
PLEASE HOLD MOMENTARILY
SIP

GOOD.
RUSTLE
THANK YOU FOR WAITING. HERE ARE THE FILES.
*UNFIT FOR VIEWING
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THIS IS THEIR PRES-ENT STATE.
YES. I'VE SUMMA-RIZED THEIR HISTORIES AND ADDED THEIR CURRENT DATA.

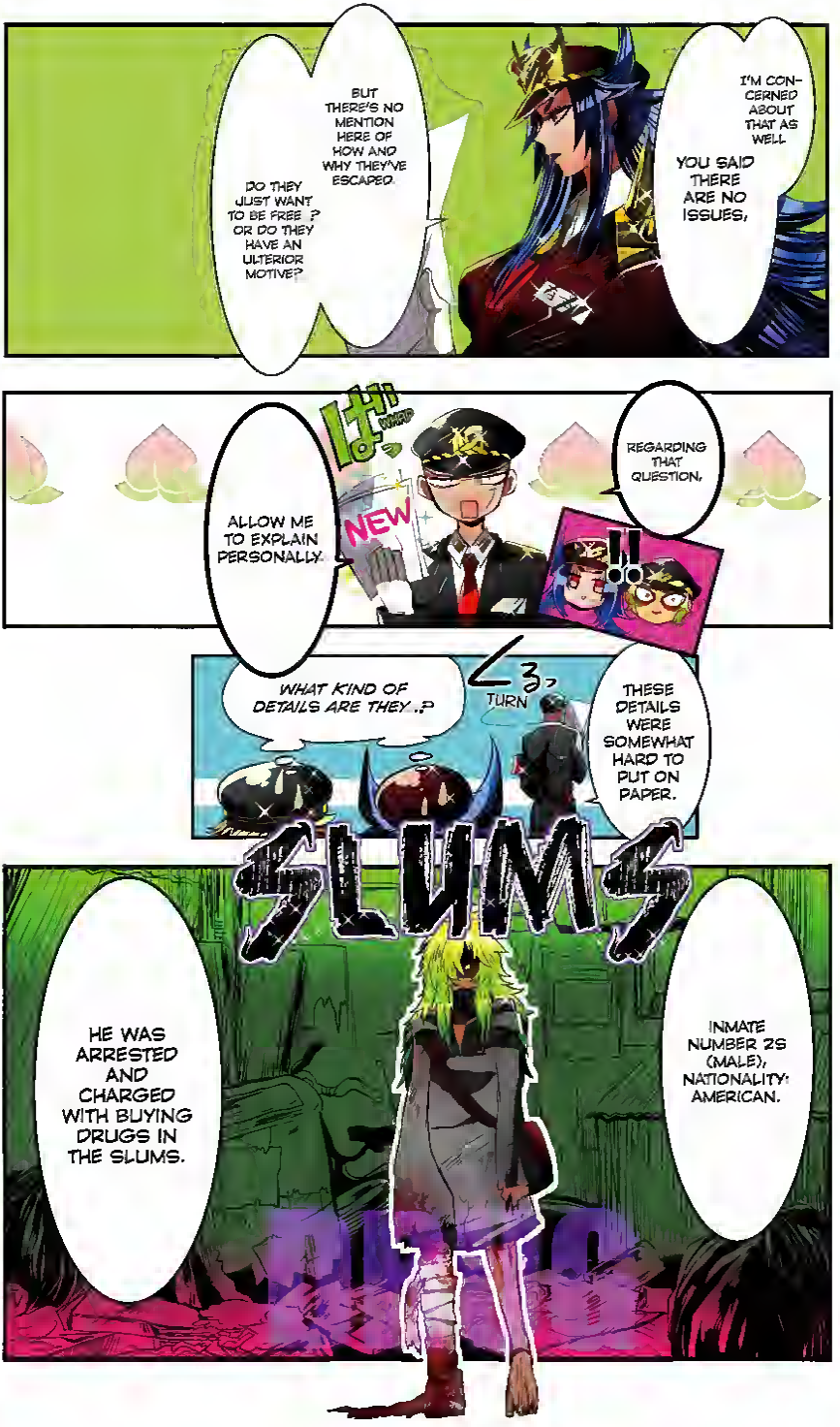
DID YOU COMPILE THIS YOUR-SELF?

LIKE YOU SAID, THEY SEEM TO BE JUST A BUNCH OF BRATS.
NOT EVEN WORTH DISCUSS-ING.
RUSTLE

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEIR HISTORY OF JAIL-BREAKS, OF COURSE...

WHOA, WHOA. IS THIS FOR REAL?
OF COURSE IT IS. THEY'RE NOT YOUR EVERYDAY ESCAPED CONVICTS.
THEY'RE IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN.

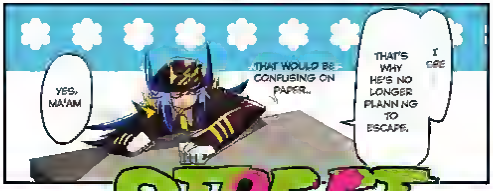
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!! THESE GUYS HAVE BROKEN OUT OF ALL THESE RENOWNED, HIGH-SECURITY PRISONS,
AND NOW THEY'RE SITTING AROUND IN THEIR ROOM!?
THEY MUST BE PLAN-NING SOME-THING !!


I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AS WELL
YOU SAID THERE ARE NO ISSUES,
BUT THERE'S NO MENTION HERE OF HOW AND WHY THEY'VE ESCAPED.
DO THEY JUST WANT TO BE FREE .? OR DO THEY HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE?
REGARDING THAT QUESTION,
NEW
!!
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN PERSONALLY.
WHAT KIND OF DETAILS ARE THEY .?
3, TURN
THESE DETAILS WERE SOMEWHAT HARD TO PUT ON PAPER.
SLUMS
HE WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH BUYING DRUGS IN THE SLUMS.
INMATE NUMBER 25 (MALE), NATIONALITY: AMERICAN.

HOW-
EVER, HE
HAD NO
IDEA HE
WAS
DEALING
WITH
DRUGS.
HE WAS
SIMPLY
USED AS
A COURIER,
WHICH
RESULTED
IN A
LIGHTER
SENTENCE.
BUT JUST
IN CASE,
THEY DID
EXAMINE
HIM FOR
ANY
SYMP-
TOMS OF
DRUG
ABUSE.
HE
SEEMED
CLEAN,
BUT
MEDICAL TREATMENT
HE
WAS SENT
TO A MEDICAL
REFORM
SCHOOL TO
RECEIVE
INTENSIVE
CARE.
THE DOCTORS
FOUND MULTIPLE
FOOD ALLERGIES
AND UNKNOWN
ILLNESSES.
WELL,
BUT THEN,
WHY DID
HE
ESCAPE
THE
REFORMA-
TORY?
I HEARD
OUR OWN
MEDICAL
STAFF
MENTION
THAT AS
WELL.
THAT'S
RIGHT. NO. 25
SEEMS TO
HAVE
SEVERAL
UNIDENTIFIED
DISEASES,
THOUGH THEY
DON'T SEEM
TO CAUSE HIM
PHYSICAL
HARM.

COLLAPSE
ガク
IT SEEMS HE ESCAPED BECAUSE HE HATED "NEEDLES" AND "MEDICINE."
BREAK!
BWAM!!
HOW DOES HE HAVE THAT KIND OF STRENGTH...?
HE IS CURRENTLY SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED ESCAPE DUE TO THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE.
HE REFUSED EVERY TREATMENT AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS SENT TO VARIOUS PRISONS, HE SMASHED THROUGH THE WALLS AND ESCAPED AS THE DAY OF HIS TREATMENT DREW NEAR.
南波刑務所最新医療チーム
NANBA PRISON'S NEW MEDICAL TEAM
SO, WE'RE ABLE TO TREAT HIM USING ORAL MEDICATION RATHER THAN INJECTIONS
IT IS A FACT THAT NANBA PRISON HAS CUTTING EDGE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND WELL-EQUIPPED FACILITIES

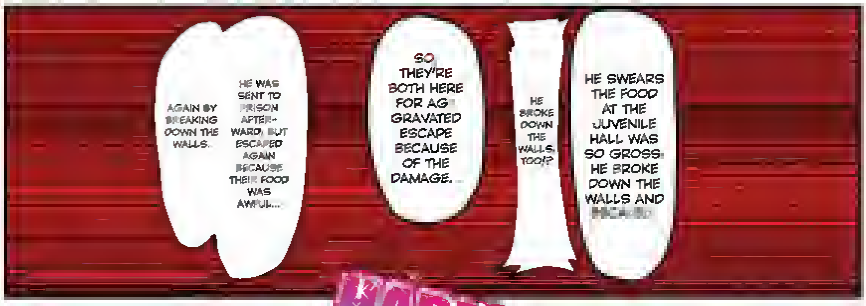
HAPPINESS
おいしい
YUMMY
WHICH KIND OF MEANS HE IS A DRUGGIE...
NOW, HE CAN HARDLY WAIT TO TAKE HIS MEDS.
THEY CAN EVEN PREPARE HIS MEDICATION TO THE FLAVOR OF HIS LIKING.


YES, MA'AM
THAT WOULD BE CONFUSING ON PAPER..
THAT'S WHY HE'S NO LONGER PLANNING TO ESCAPE.
I SEE

STREET
HE WAS SENT TO JUVENILE HALL FOR STARTING A GANG RIOT IN THE CITY.
NEXT IS INMATE NUMBER 69 (MALE), NATIONALITY: AMERICAN.
QUARREL

W... WHICH WAS ...!?
HE ESCAPED FOR ONE REASON.
BUT JUST LIKE NO.25,
GULP
カッ

ACCORDING TO HIM, THEIR FOOD SUCKED.
WHACK
BREAK!
I CAN'T EAT THIS, MORONS!!
SMASH
マズイんじゃボケー!!


HE SWEARS THE FOOD AT THE JUVENILE HALL WAS SO GROSS, HE BROKE DOWN THE WALLS AND
HE BROKE DOWN THE WALLS, TOO!?
SO THEY'RE BOTH HERE FOR AGGRAVATED ESCAPE BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE...
HE WAS SENT TO PRISON AFTER-WARD, BUT ESCAPED AGAIN BECAUSE THEIR FOOD WAS AWFUL...
AGAIN BY BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS.

HAPPINESS
DINING-ROOM
SIMPLE-MINDEDNESS IS A SCARY THING...
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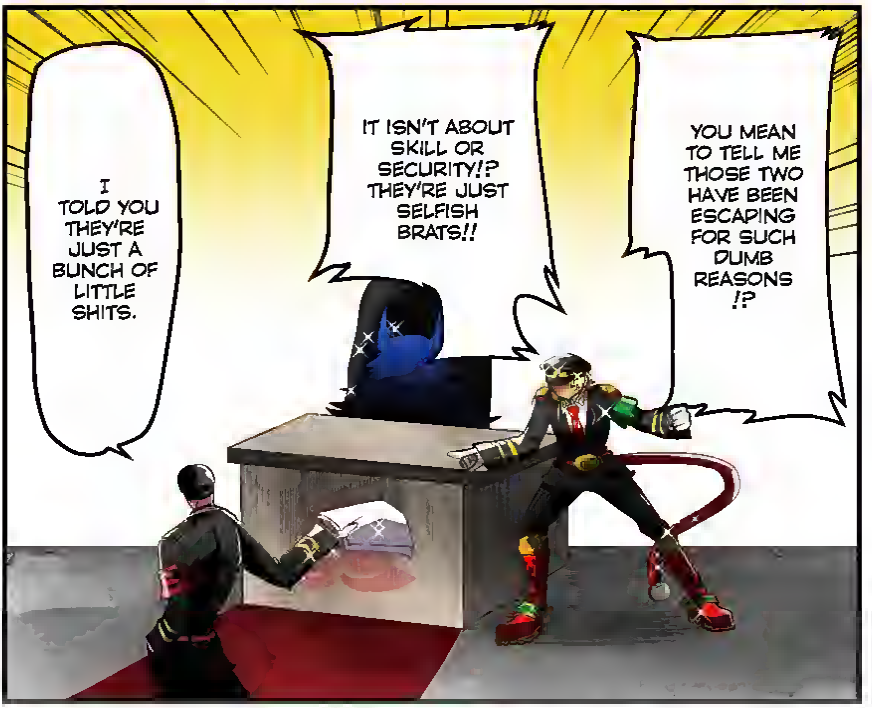
YUM~
HE'S NOW WELL-BEHAVED BECAUSE HE'S VERY PLEASED WITH THE MEALS HERE.
HE'S INTO JAPANESE FOOD.


I TOLD YOU THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF LITTLE SHITS.
IT ISN'T ABOUT SKILL OR SECURITY!? THEY'RE JUST SELFISH BRATS!!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN ESCAPING FOR SUCH DUMB REASONS !?

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
LET'S MOVE ON.

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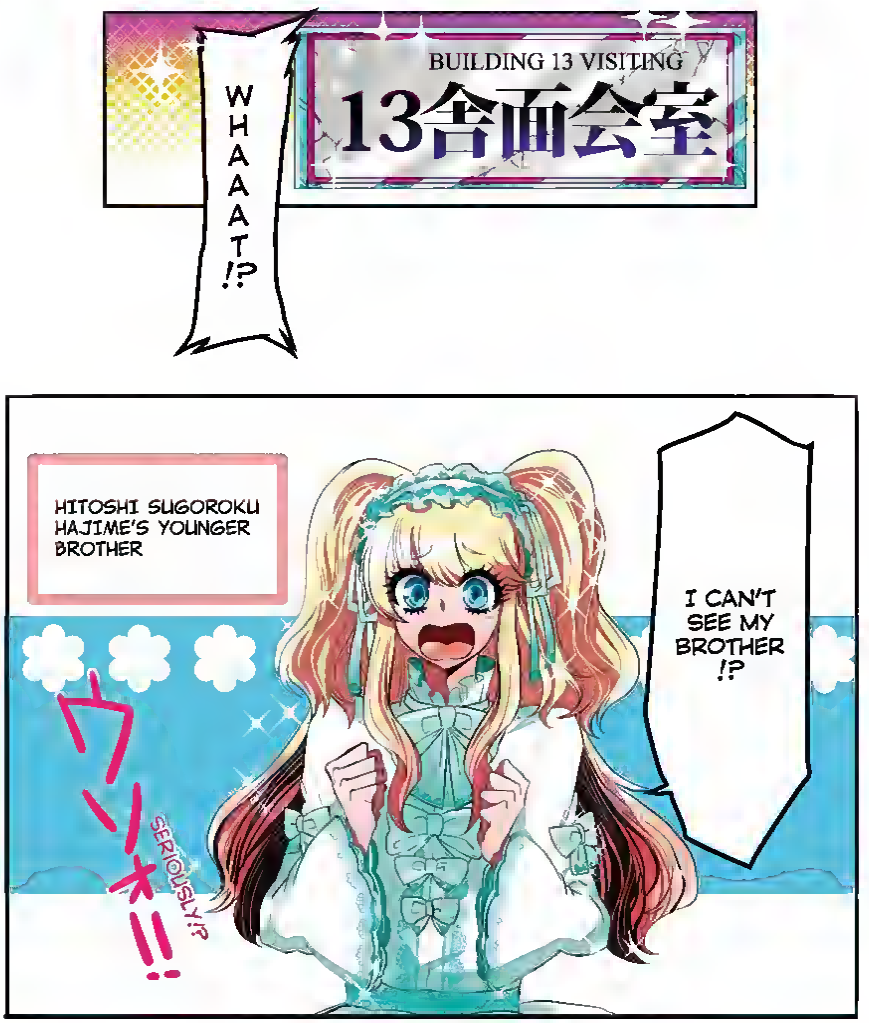

I'M AFRAID NOT... OFFICER SUGOROKU IS CURRENTLY PRESENTING HIS REPORT TO THE WARDEN.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL MAKE IT BACK WITHIN VISITING HOURS.
WHAA! P NO 15-KUN, YOU ES-CAPED AGAIN! P
CLICK
OH, IT'S YOU, HITO. WHAT'S UPP
AH! NO 15-KUN! HELLO!
I'M SORRY
HE'S BEEN VERY BUSY.
SWAPP
HE DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THAT YES-TERDAY!
OH! WAIT, SEITAROU-SAN!
LET'S GET BACK.
FRET
GIVE ME A BREAK, WILL YOU!? I'M THE ONE WHO'S REALLY GONNA GET IN TROUBLE!

SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO NO.15-KUN, PLEASE.
YOU KNOW, ABOUT MY BROTH-ER'S WORK AND STUFF.
IF IT'S A VISIT, HE CAN STAY, RIGHT?
PLEASE?

I... I GUESS IF IT'S A VISIT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT ...
BUT PLEASE FILL OUT THE VISITATION FORM AFTER-WARD.
OKAAAY.

YOU'RE PRETTY INCREDI-BLE, NO.15-KUN.

HOW DO YOU ESCAPE FROM YOUR ROOM ALL THE TIME?
IS THERE'S A TRICK OF SOME SORT?
NAAH,
I CAN JUST GET OUT WHENEVER I WANT.
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REALLY ?
IT SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC.
WOOOW
IT'S NOT ANYTHING AS FAIRY-TALE AS THAT.
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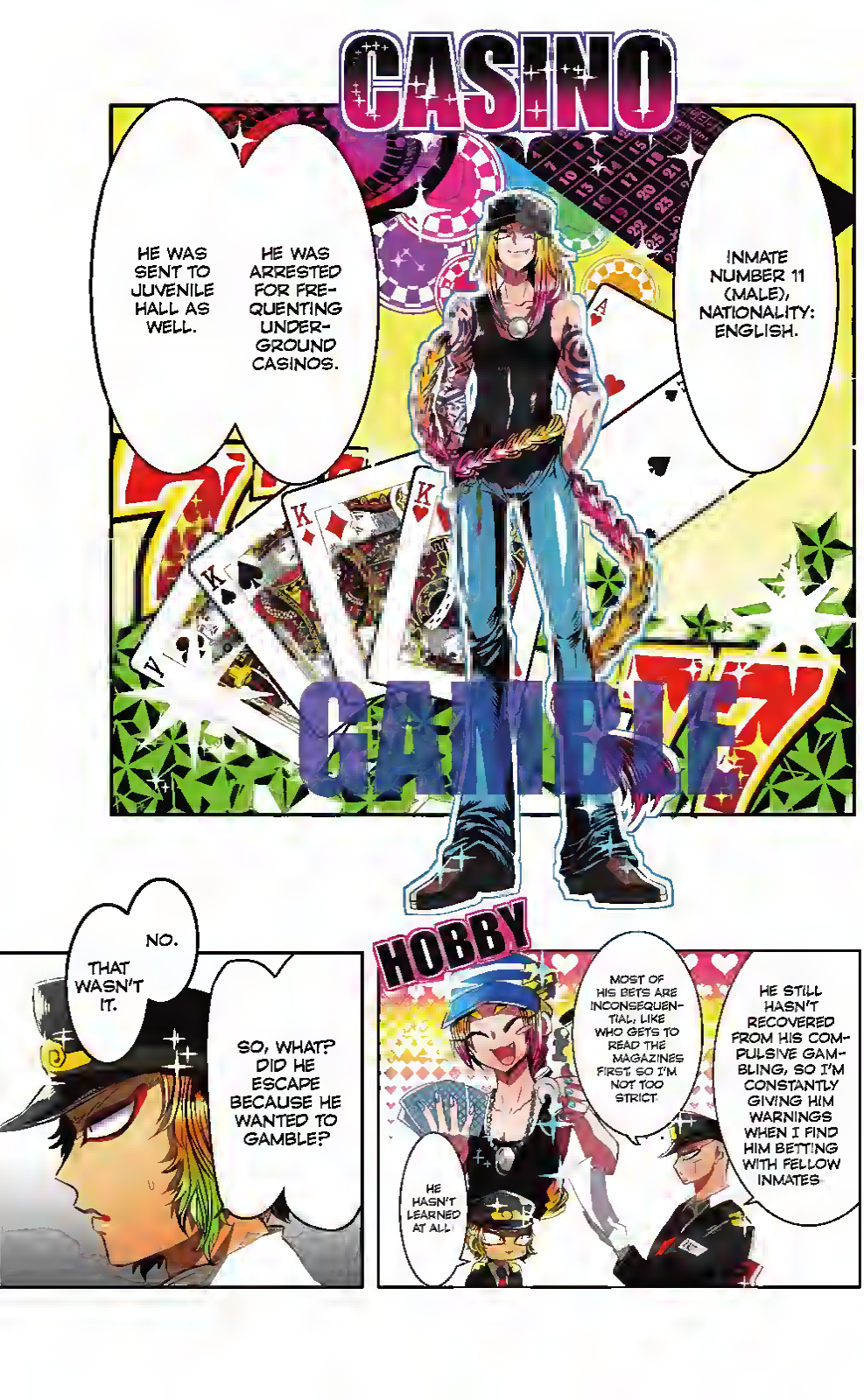
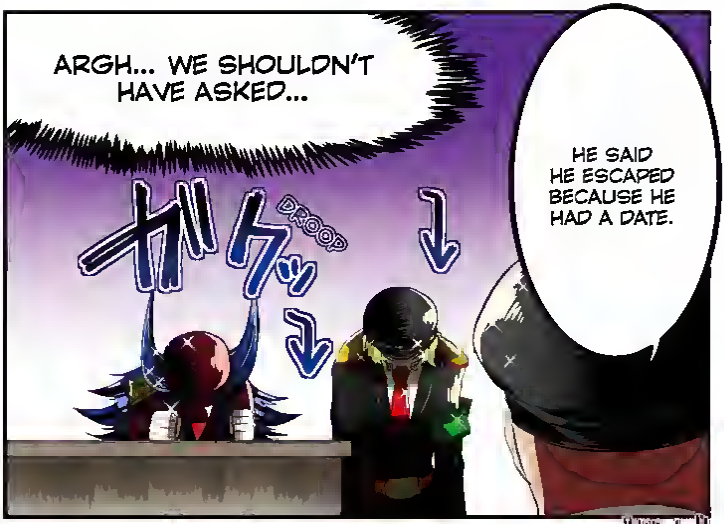
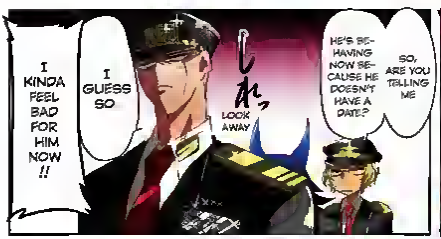
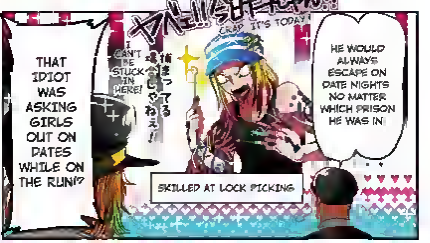
MOVING ON.


CASINO
INMATE NUMBER 11 (MALE), NATIONALITY: ENGLISH.
HE WAS ARRESTED FOR FREQUENTING UNDERGROUND CASINOS.
HE WAS SENT TO JUVENILE HALL AS WELL.
GAMBLE
HOBBY
HE STILL HASN'T RECOVERED FROM HIS COMPULSIVE GAMBLING, SO I'M CONSTANTLY GIVING HIM WARNINGS WHEN I FIND HIM BETTING WITH FELLOW INMATES.
MOST OF HIS BETS ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL, LIKE WHO GETS TO READ THE MAGAZINES FIRST, SO I'M NOT TOO STRICT.
HE HASN'T LEARNED AT ALL.
SO, WHAT? DID HE ESCAPE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GAMBLE?
NO. THAT WASN'T IT.


ARGH... WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED...
DROOP
HE SAID HE ESCAPED BECAUSE HE HAD A DATE.


I KINDA FEEL BAD FOR HIM NOW !!
I GUESS SO
LOOK AWAY
HE'S BEHAVING NOW BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE A DATE?
SO, ARE YOU TELLING ME


THAT IDIOT WAS ASKING GIRLS OUT ON DATES WHILE ON THE RUN!?
I CAN'T BE STUCK IN HERE!
CRAP IT'S TODAY!
HE WOULD ALWAYS ESCAPE ON DATE NIGHTS NO MATTER WHICH PRISON HE WAS IN.
SKILLED AT LOCK PICKING

IT SEEMS I HAVE OVER-ESTIMATED THEM..
HUHH...
HE NEVER LEARNS, DOES HE!?
I THINK HE SAID HE FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH THE RECEPTIONIST HERE.

AND LAST.

PRISON-BREAKER
HE WAS ARRESTED ON LARCENY CHARGES AND SENT TO JUVENILE HALL. BUT HE ESCAPED THE SAME DAY.
INMATE NUMBER 1S (MALE). NATIONALITY: JAPANESE.
ESCAPE
HE USES VARIOUS ESCAPE TECHNIQUES AND OUT OF THE FOUR, HE HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF PRISON THE MOST
HE IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF CRIMINAL WHO SHOULD BE IMPRISONED HERE.
JAILBREAK
BUILDING 13
HE IS HIS FATHER'S SON, AFTER ALL.
NO 1S... I KNOW ABOUT HIM.
OR RATHER, ALL PRISON GUARDS KNOW ABOUT HIM.

最凶の天才脱獄囚 No.610の男

NOTORIOUSLY BRILLIANT ESCAPED CONVICT THE MAN KNOWN AS NO.610

GENIUS!
JAILBREAK
NO STATE-OF-THE-ART SECURITY AT ANY PRISON CAN STOP HIM FROM ESCAPING
PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HIM TO THIS DAY THE BIGGEST EMBARRASSMENT OF NANBA PRISON, KNOWN AS "THE ETERNAL FUGITIVE"

YES
I KNEW IMMEDI-ATELY
YOU ALREADY KNEW THOUGH ...
THOUGH THE FACT THAT A CONVICT WE COULD NEVER CATCH HAD A SON AT ALL IS A SURPRISE

THOSE EYES...
WHO COULD FOR-GET...?
AND THEY CONSIDER THIS THE BEST PRISON ...?
RESPONSI-BLE FOR THE BIGGEST OF FAILURES AND YET THEY INSIST WE HAVE A PERFECT RECORD
OUR SUPERIORS ARE KEEPING IT UNDER [illegible] BUT IT'S THE COLD HARD TRUTH...
BUT I WON'T LET THAT STAND
NANBA PRISON'S FAILURE IS MY FAILURE ...!
MY WEAK-NESS IS TO BLAME.
I WILL CORRECT OUR MISTAKE.
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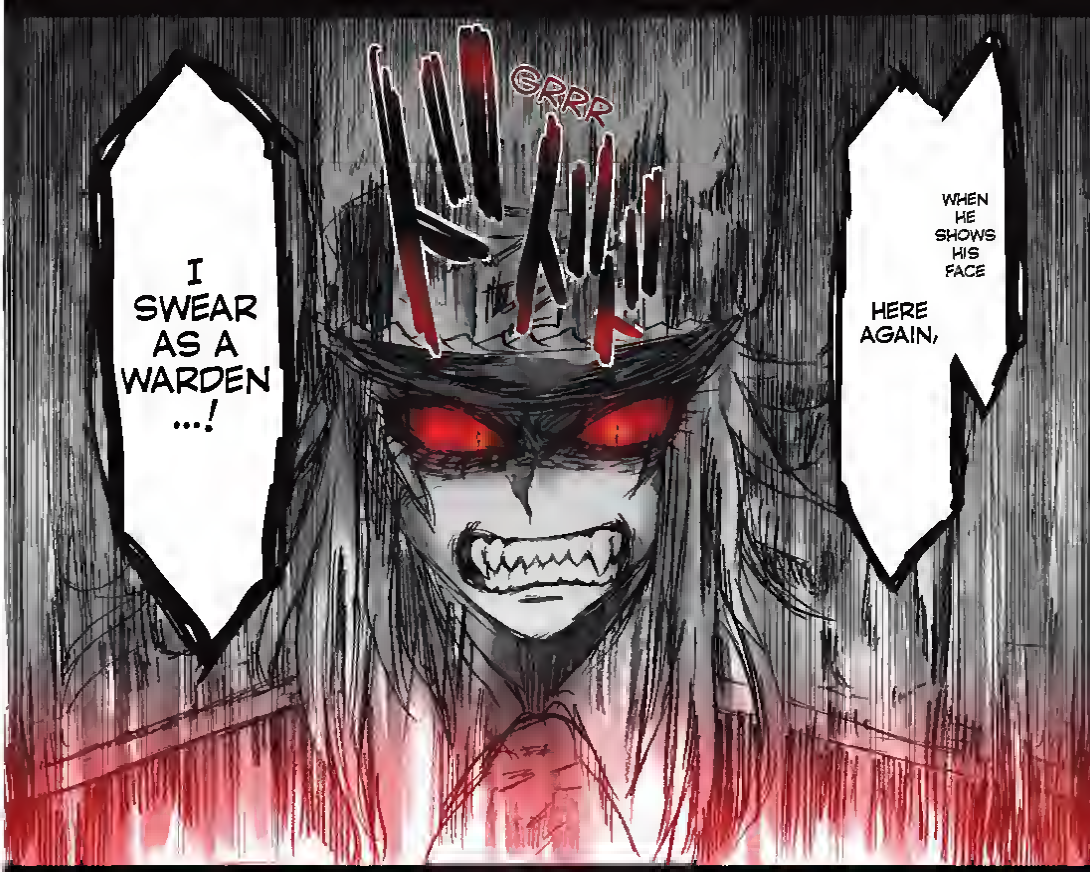
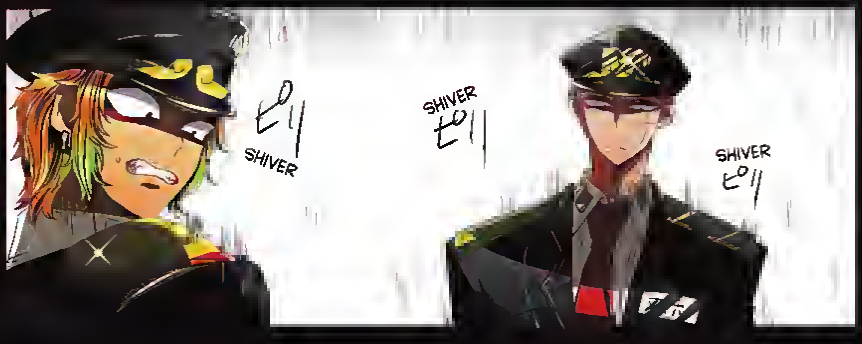


THAT WE WILL HAVE A TRUE,
PERFECT RECORD.

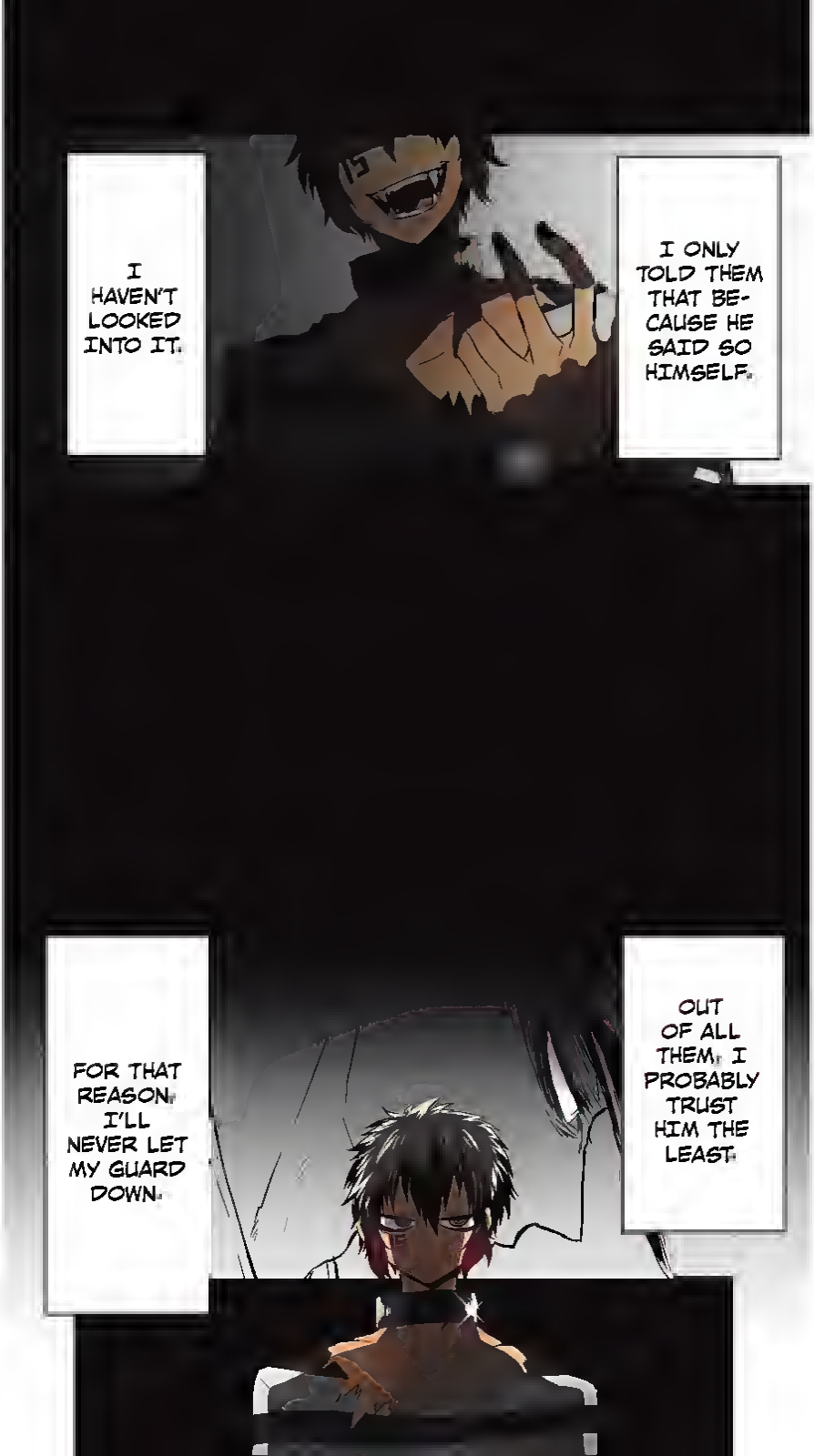


HE SAID IT'S ONLY A HOBBY...
RETURNING TO NO.15, WHAT IS HIS MOTIVE FOR ESCAPING?
I APOLOGIZE... I LET MY PERSONAL FEELINGS GET IN THE WAY...
HOBBY... HUH?

HE'S SAFE, FOR NOW.
I DON'T THINK HE HAS THE DESIRE TO RUN AWAY
FOR THE TIME BEING,

TO BE HONEST, I'M SUSPICIOUS OF HIS BEHAVIOR.

HOBBY. TO ENTERTAIN ONESELF. FOR KILLING TIME.


I HAVEN'T LOOKED INTO IT.
I ONLY TOLD THEM THAT BECAUSE HE SAID SO HIMSELF.
FOR THAT REASON, I'LL NEVER LET MY GUARD DOWN.
OUT OF ALL THEM, I PROBABLY TRUST HIM THE LEAST.

YEP.
YOU CAN REMOVE ANY SORT OF HANDCUFFS, RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN WON-DERING,

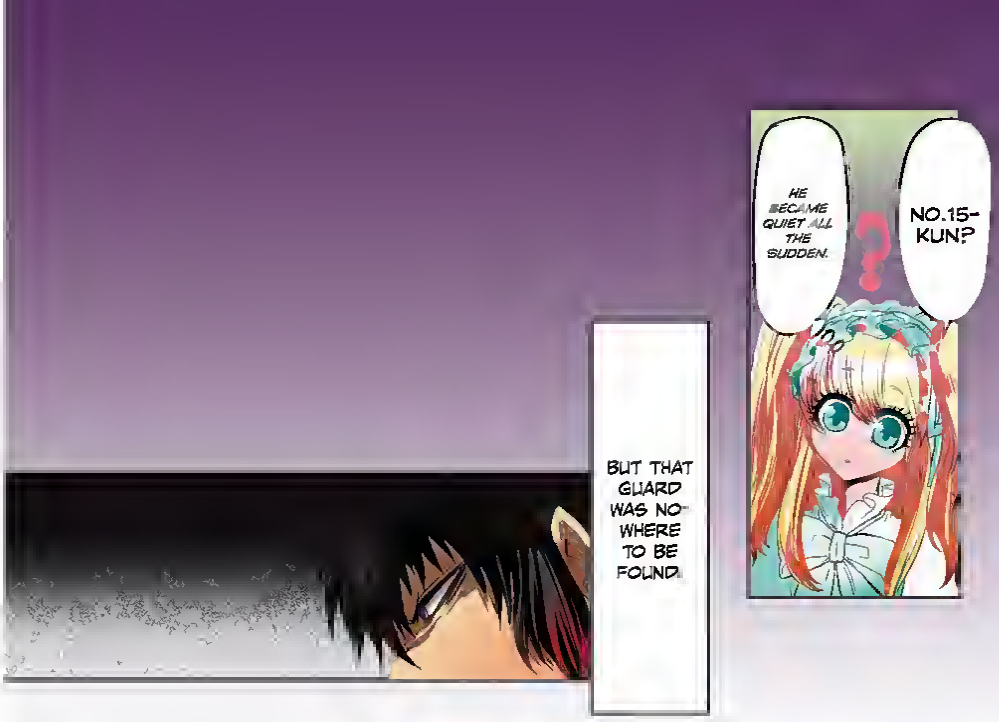
AREN'T THEY IN THE WAY?
THEN, HOW COME YOU DON'T REMOVE THE ONES ON YOUR NECK AND WRISTS?

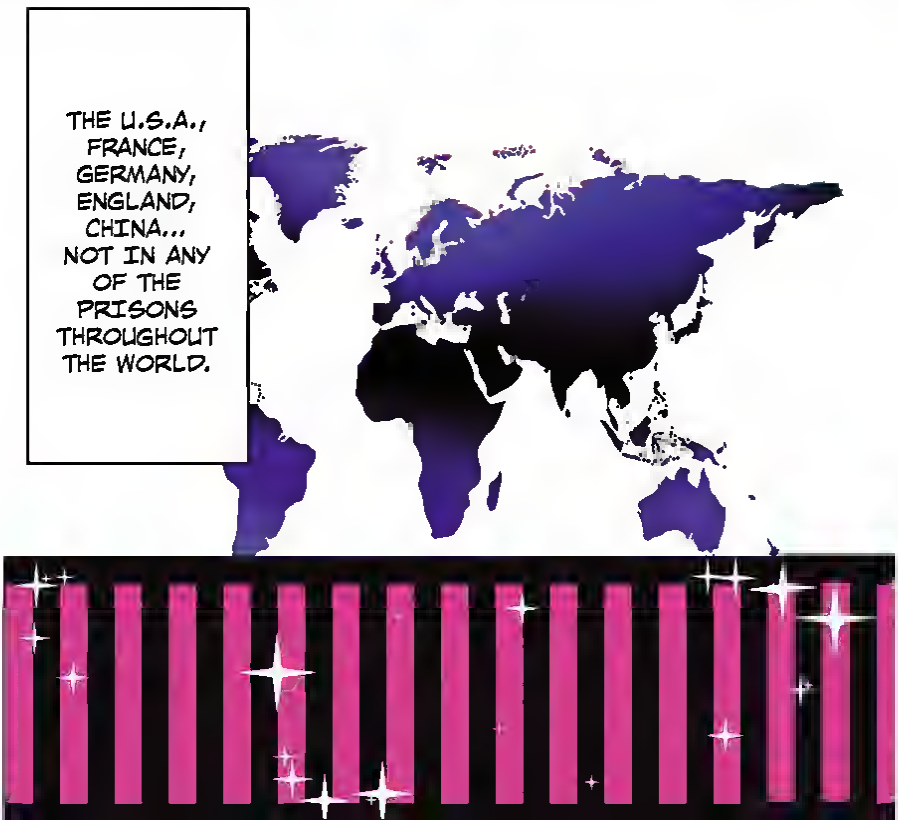
OH, *THESE*?

THESE,
I CAN NEVER REMOVE EVEN IF I WANT TO.
WOOW
I GUESS.
SO, THERE ARE THINGS EVEN YOU CAN'T REMOVE
THESE "BLACK SHACKLES" WERE PLACED ON ME AT ONE OF MY OLD PRISONS WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.
BUT NO ONE AT THAT PLACE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CUFFS.

JUST A SHACKLE WITH NO CHAIN LINKS.
SOME STRANGER, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, PUT THEM ON ME.
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, BUT TO NO AVAIL...
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY PRISON GUARDS OR RESEARCHERS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THEM, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
NO ONE HAS A CLUE.
WHO IN THE WORLD PUT THEM ON ME?

I SAW THE "GUARD" WITH A SCAR ON HIS NECK.
THROUGH THE BLURRY HAZE.
BUT FOR A MOMENT, I SAW HIM.
BUT THESE SHACKLES ARE REAL.
IT COULD'VE BEEN A DREAM.


NO.15-KUN?
HE BECAME QUIET ALL THE SUDDEN.
BUT THAT GUARD WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

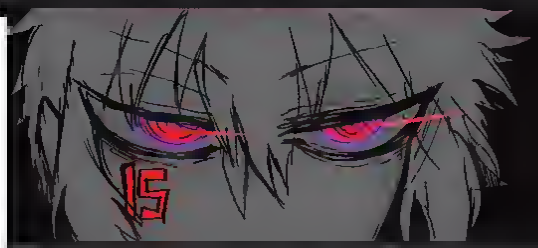

THE U.S.A., FRANCE, GERMANY, ENGLAND, CHINA... NOT IN ANY OF THE PRISONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I'VE SEARCHED TIRELESSLY IN EVERY PRISON I'VE BEEN SENT TO.

I'VE LOOKED AND LOOKED AND KEPT ON LOOKING.

THESE DAMN BLACK SHACKLES,

WHICH SEEM TO CONSTRAIN MY VERY FREEDOM. ONLY HE CAN REMOVE THEM.



I'VE COME THIS FAR.

NEITHER OF US HAS ANYWHERE LEFT TO RUN

END OF "NANBAKA" VOLUME 1

INMATE NUMBER "25"

NIKO

ANIME JUNKIE

FAVORITE COLOR:

YELLOW AND LIME GREEN

TRADEMARK:

BANDAGES ON HIS RIGHT SIDE AND A BALL AND CHAIN

EYES:

CARMINE

25

WE'VE GOTTA FIND HIM!
THE CONVICT SHOULD BE HERE SOMEWHERE!
THERE HE IS!
PUFF
HUFF
GET HIM!
TAP
THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A CERTAIN CRIMINAL
PUFF
HUFF
BEFORE HE WAS SENT TO THE BEST PRISON IN JAPAN
PHEW ...
HE'S NOT HERE EITHER ...
NANBAKA EXTRA
"ESCAPE B4"
VOL.1

WELL,
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND HIM THAT EASILY.
AS I EXPECTED OF THE U.S.
HUGE COUNTRY, LOTS OF PRISONS
USA
THAT GUY...
HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE.

WHOA !!
GET OUT OF THE WA...
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
C❓N'T LINGER HERE OR I'LL GET C❓UGHT.
I SHOULD TRY THE NEXT PRISON...
CRASH
IT'S MY BAD BUT..
...HEY...
Y... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CR❓SHED INTO ME...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
OWW... I TOLD YOU TO GET OUTTA THE WAY...
OWW...

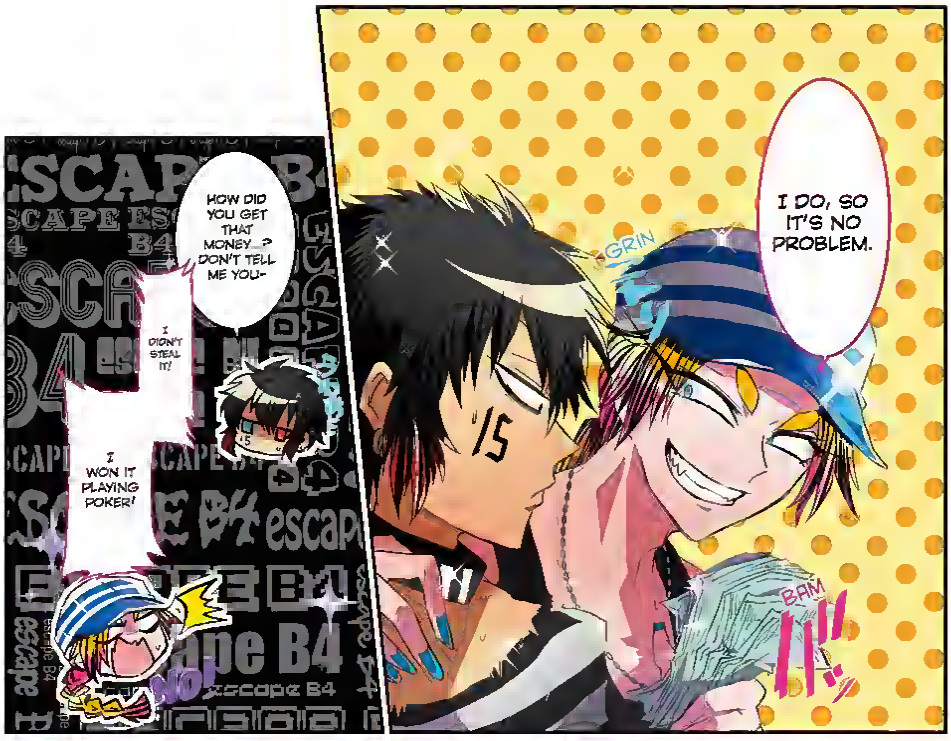
JYUGO !?
IT'S REALLY YOU!! IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
GRAB
...OH! YOU'RE UNO !!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
I'M STILL ENJOYING THE LIFE OF A RUN-AWAY.
JUST LIKE YOU!
UNLIKE YOU, I DIDN'T ESCAPE TO GO ON A DATE.
I'VE FINALLY REACHED THE U.S.
IDIOT, THAT'S NOT WHY I'M ESCAPING NOW
THE FUGITIVE

IF I'M A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE, I CAN GET ALL THE CHICKS!
WINNING BIG IN VEGAS IS THE AMERICAN DREAM!
IF YOU COME TO THE U.S., YOU GOTTA GO TO VEGAS. THE HOLY LAND OF GAMBLERS.
BUT YOU'RE ENGLISH.
IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'M IN AMERICA NOW.
LAS VEGAS

SHUT UP.
YOU'RE AS ODD AS EVER.
STEP

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY
LET'S GO SHOPPING, TOO
ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE. LET'S GO CELEBRATE.

I, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT
ARE YOU PRISON-HOPPING TO TOUR THE WORLD OR SOMETHING?
ANYWAY, I SEE YOU EVERYWHERE.


HOW DID YOU GET THAT MONEY...? DON'T TELL ME YOU-
I DIDN'T STEAL IT!
I WON IT PLAYING POKER!
NO!
I DO, SO IT'S NO PROBLEM.
GRIN
BAM
!!!

AHAHAHA
THESE OTHER PLAYERS WEREN'T EVEN GOOD, SO IT WAS WICKED EASY..
HEE-HEE, IT'S ALWAYS A WALK IN THE PARK.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...
...AH.

JYUGO !!
IS ?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
I... I JUST RE-MEMBERED... I'M CURRENTLY IN DEEP TROUBLE...
DEEP TROU-BLE?
AWWW CRAP
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU SEEMED TO BE IN A HURRY EARLIER. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
HUH !?
RUN !!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN !?
DASH
THUD
THERE HE IS!!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE! MUST BE HIS ACCOM-PLICE!
SAY YOUR PRAYERS YOU RUNTS!!

W-WHAT IS EVEN GOIN ON
WHAT!?
YOU'RE BOTH DEAD!!
PAYING US BACK AIN'T ENOUGH ANY-MORE!!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO SCAM US!!
BOOM
YOU CHEATED AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU!?
AHH, WELL, I WANTED TO BRUSH-UP BEFORE VEGAS, BUT MAYBE I WENT A WEE BIT OVERBOARD
THEY'RE REAL AMERICAN GANG-STERS!!
UNO! YOU HAVE SOME EX-PLAIN-ING TO DO!
DADADADADA
THIS WAS THE TRUE BEGIN-NING OF THEIR LIVES AS FUG-ITIVES.
COME BACK HERE PUNKS!!
GIVE US OUR MONEY BACK!!
DAAAASSSHH
TAKE CARE OF THIS SITUATION FIRST!!
YOU SHOWED UP AT THE RIGHT TIME. LET'S JUST HEAD TO VEGAS NOW

NAIL
?

OFFICER SUGOROKU TAKES A PHOTO
HUH? PHOTOS?
僕は料理とか撮ってます
I TAKE PHOTOS OF MY COOKING
SIR, HAVE YOU HEARD? TAKING PHOTOS AND SHARING THEM HAS BECOME POPULAR HERE RECENTLY
...
YOU MIGHT GET HOOKED
OTHERWISE, WHAT'S THE POINT OF THE CAMERA FEATURE ON YOUR PHONE?
YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME PHOTOS TOO, SIR
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PICS HE'LL TAKE.
EXCITED EXCITED
PHOTOS, HUH...?
HMMM
LATER
NOWADAYS, OFFICER SUGOROKU'S PHONE IS FILLED WITH PHOTOS OF KUU-SAN.
KUU, LOOK AT THE CAMERA
FLASH
カシャ

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING NANBAKA VOLUME 1! I NEVER THOUGHT SUCH AN "EYE-IRRITATING" MANGA WOULD BECOME A BOOK!! WHEN IT WAS FIRST SERIALIZED, I GOT ALL FIRED UP AND THOUGHT, "SINCE IT'S GONNA BE IN COLOR, I'M GONNA MAKE ISUPER COLORFUL!" HENCE, THE EXPLOSION OF COLORS IN VOL.1!

IT'S AWESOME TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE I CAN USE ANY COLOR AS MUCH AS I WANT.

INMATE NUMBER "15"

JYUGO

PRISON ESCAPE ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

FAVORITE COLOR:

NONE IN PARTICULAR

TRADEMARK:

BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES

EYES:

COLOR CHANGES AT DIFFERENT ANGLES

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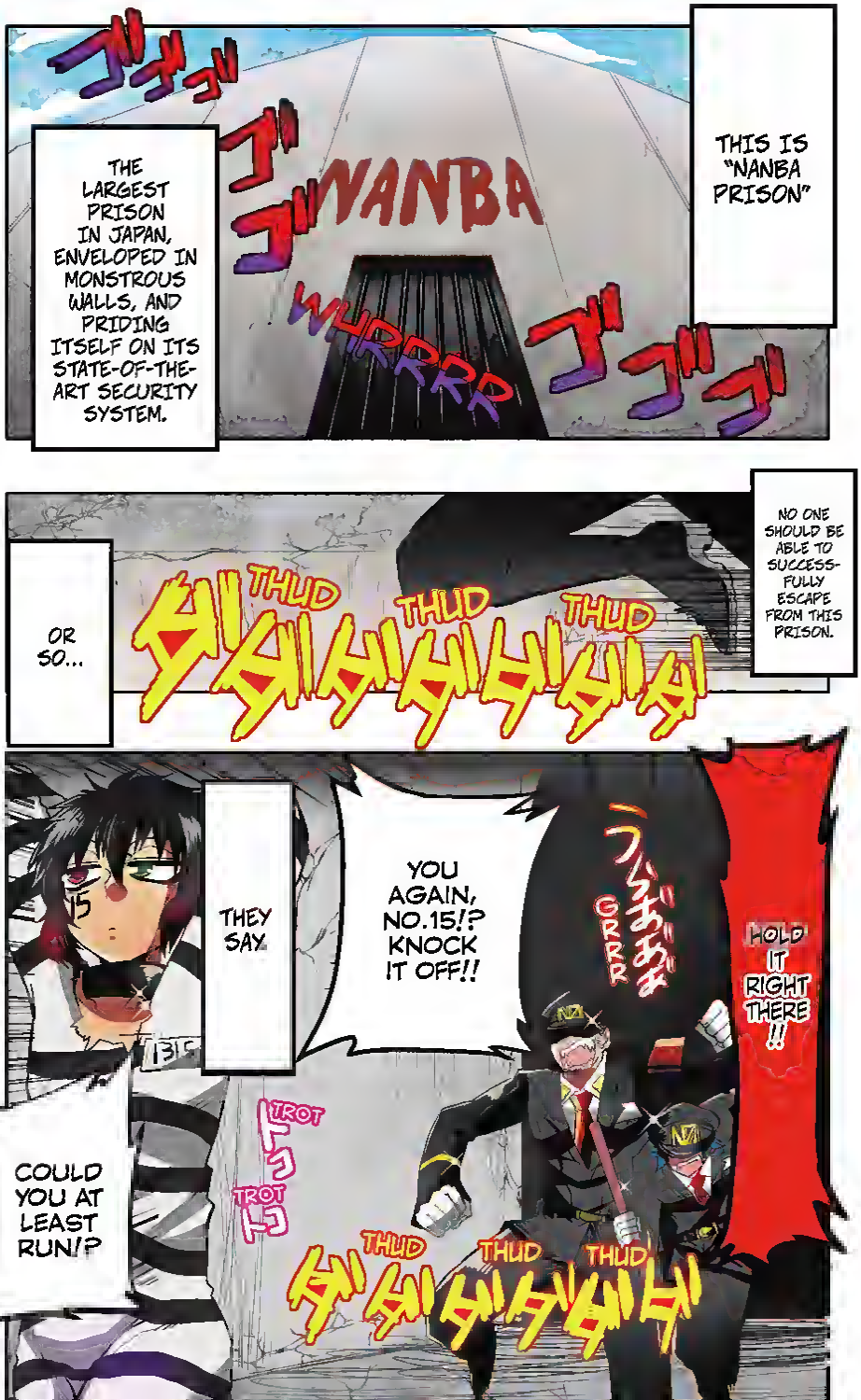
CHAPTER 2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WANBA
WURRRR
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THIS IS "NANBA PRISON"
THE LARGEST PRISON IN JAPAN, ENVELOPED IN MONSTROUS WALLS, AND PRIDING ITSELF ON ITS STATE-OF-THE-ART SECURITY SYSTEM.
NO ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUCCESS-FULLY ESCAPE FROM THIS PRISON.
THUD
THUD
THUD
OR SO...
うぉぉぉ GRRR
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
YOU AGAIN, NO.15!? KNOCK IT OFF!!
THEY SAY.
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TROT トコ TROT トコ
COULD YOU AT LEAST RUN!?
THUD
THUD
THUD

THE BEST PRISON?
THIS IS NOT A PLAY-GROUND !!
UNTIL I GET BORED, SLEEPY, OR HUNGRY... I GUESS.
GRAB
HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU NEED TO ESCAPE TO BE SATIS-FIED!?
THAT'S THREE TIMES TODAY!!
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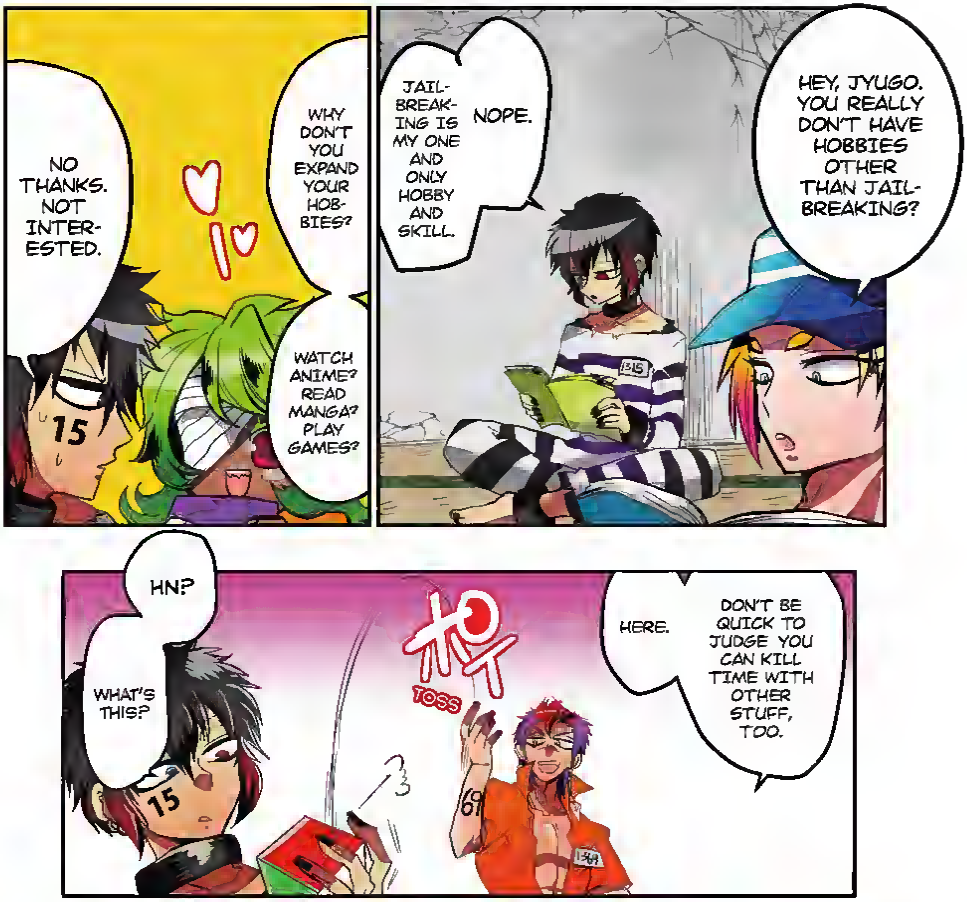
WHEN YOU ESCAPE, WE'RE THE ONES WHO REALLY GET YELLED AT, YOU KNOW.
JAB
WELL, AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT OUTSIDE THE PRISON COMPLEX.
SHUT IT!! I NEED TO MAKE A LIVING, TOO!!
OPEN
WHO KEEPS COVERING THIS UP FROM HIS BOSS.
THIS COMING FROM A GUY

JYUGO'S TALENT


NO THANKS. NOT INTERESTED.
WHY DON'T YOU EXPAND YOUR HOBBIES?
WATCH ANIME? READ MANGA? PLAY GAMES?
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JAILBREAKING IS MY ONE AND ONLY HOBBY AND SKILL.
NOPE.
HEY, JYUGO. YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE HOBBIES OTHER THAN JAILBREAKING?
HN?
WHAT'S THIS?
TOSS
HERE.
DON'T BE QUICK TO JUDGE YOU CAN KILL TIME WITH OTHER STUFF, TOO.
IT'S A "RUBIK'S CUBE."
THE GAME!

SEE? FIRST, YOU MESS UP ALL THE COLORS LIKE THIS.
HOW DO YOU PLAY WITH THIS?
THE GUY NEXT DOOR GAVE IT TO ME, BUT IT AIN'T FOR ME. YOU CAN HAVE IT.
I KNOW WHAT THIS IS! IT'S SUPER HARD.
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
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FIN-ISHED.
I CAN BARELY FINISH TWO SIDES-
IT'S HARDER THAN IT LOOKS.
PUT IT BACK TO-GETHER?
CLICK
THEN, YOU GROUP THE COLORS BACK TOGETHER ON EVERY SIDE.
知恵の輪
WIRE PUZZLE
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT ABOUT THIS, THEN?
THAT WASN'T FUN AT ALL.
WITHIN 3 SECONDS
何秒!?
WHAAAA!? NO WAAAAY!!
1315

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO UNTANGLE THEM. I CAN NEVER FIGURE IT OUT.
NEVER HEARD OF 'EM.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WIRE PUZZLES ARE?
YOU CAN'T JUST FORCE THEM APART EITHER.
15
1315
I'M NOT SUP-POSED TO!?
WHY DID YOU DO THAT!?
HN.
CLICK
EVEN YOU CAN'T FINISH THAT IN SECONDS. IT TAKES ME A FEW MINUTES-
WHY DOESN'T HE PUT THIS TO BETTER USE THOUGH...
I CAN KINDA SEE HOW HE'S BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE NOW.
WELL, I GUESS THIS IS A TALENT IN IT'S OWN WAY. AL-THOUGH, HE DOESN'T REALIZE IT.
SOLVE THIS!!
SOLVED!!
OH! MY! GOD!
THEN TRY THIS NEXT!!
DONE!!
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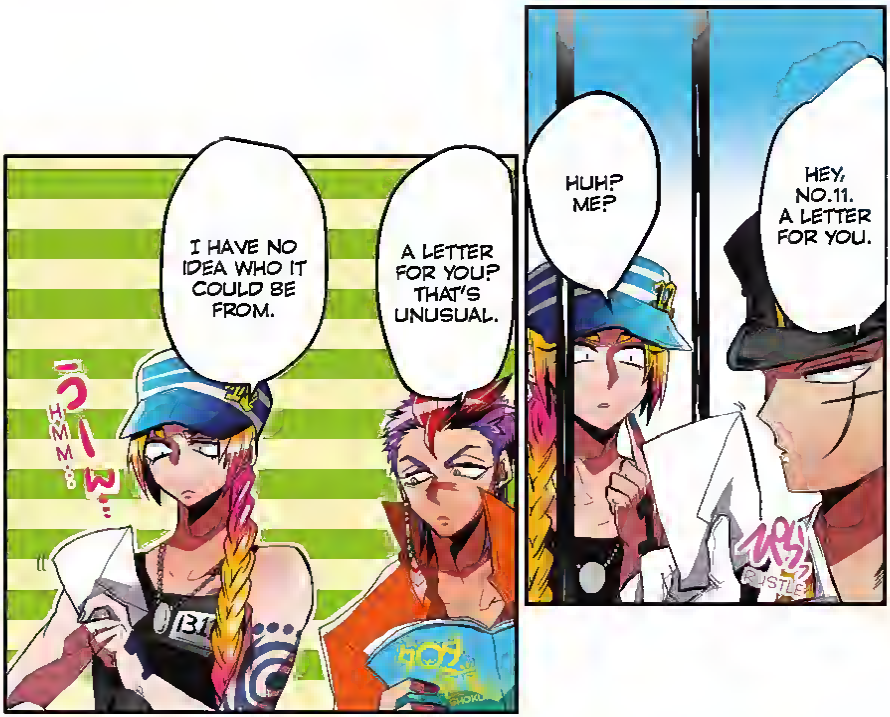
ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UNO



COULD IT BE THAT THING WHERE YOU HAVE TO SEND THE SAME LETTER TO TEN PEOPLE WITHIN THREE DAYS OR YOU'LL DIE OF A CURSE...
STOP IT!! I HATE JAPA-NESE HORROR !!
SHUT UP!!
THEN, SOMEONE'S BONES COULD BE IN THAT ENVELOPE...
QUIT IT!!

WHAT!?
CATHERINE!?
LET'S SEE... IT'S FROM...
CA...
HEHE... MY EX-GIRL-FRIEND.
WHO'S CATHE-RINE?
YOU KNOW THE SENDER? BORING.
GIRL-FRIEND!?
THAT'S KINDA CUTE.
DID SHE SEND ME A LETTER BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO GET BACK TO-GETHER?
COULD IT BE?

I GOT MARRIED.
-CATHERINE
!?
IT'S JUST AN AN-NOUNCE-MENT. HAH, IN YOUR FACE.
S... SHUT UP!! THERE'S MORE!!
KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT !!
MY HUSBAND LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE YOU.
I'VE ENCLOSED A PICTURE FOR YOU.
-CATHERINE
WARM FUZZY FEELINGS
AWW!! AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SHE STILL COULDN'T FORGET ABOUT ME.

I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE I GOT LOCKED UP...
BUT I GUESS SHE FELT LONELY WITHOUT ME...
WHO THE HELL!?
SHOCK

NANBA INMATE NO. 69
AKA: ROCK
LOVES DONUTS
NATIONALITY:
AMERICAN
6
25
1325
COMIC
NANBA INMATE NO. 25
AKA: NIKO
JAPANIMATION RULES!
NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
CHAPTER 3
COMIC

WHAT NO.25 WANTS TO DO

I WANNA KNOW, ARE VIDEO GAMES FUN!?
まったく GEEZ
YOU CALLED ME HERE OUT OF NO-WHERE TO ASK THAT?
ね TELL ME
HAJIME-CHAN!! ARE "VIDEO GAMES" FUN!?
FLUSH
ロアアアアア
BUT, I GUESS THEY'RE FUN.
I'VE MOSTLY PLAYED RPG AND RACING GAMES... I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE CURRENT CONSOLES, THOUGH...
HE'S NEVER PLAYED GAMES BEFORE?
WELL, HE DID GROW UP IN THE SLUMS.
IDIOT. OF COURSE YOU CAN'T. THIS IS PRISON. THERE'RE NO CON-SOLES IN HERE.
SQUEAL キャン
SQUEAL キャン
I WANNA PLAY VIDEO GAMES!!
I WANNA PLAY!! I WANNA PLAY!!

UMMM.
FLIP
パラ
GAME
HE PROBABLY WANTS TO PLAY NICE, SIMPLE GAMES... HE'S LIKE A LITTLE KID INSIDE, SO MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE A PUZZLE OR LEARNING GAME, PERHAPS?
?
HUH...?
WAAH
うぇ…
泣くな
STOP CRYING
WHAT KIND OF GAME DO YOU WANT TO PLAY, ANYWAY?
BRUTAL!!
WAY MORE HARD-CORE FANBOY THAN I THOUGHT !!
KYAAA
BIO HAZARD
バイオハザード
SOME-THING LIKE THIS.
PANDEMONIUM
阿鼻叫喚
SHOOT DOWN ZOMBIES WITH HANDGUNS & MACHINE GUNS BLOODY GORE SHOOTING GAME' NOW AVAILABLE!!
WREAK HAVOC IN A VIRUS-CONTAMINATED LABORATORY. LOADED WITH TROPHIES! HIDDEN WEAPONS BATTLE AGAINST HIDDEN BOSSES STRATEGY MAP
WHAAT? WHHHY ??
SWEAT
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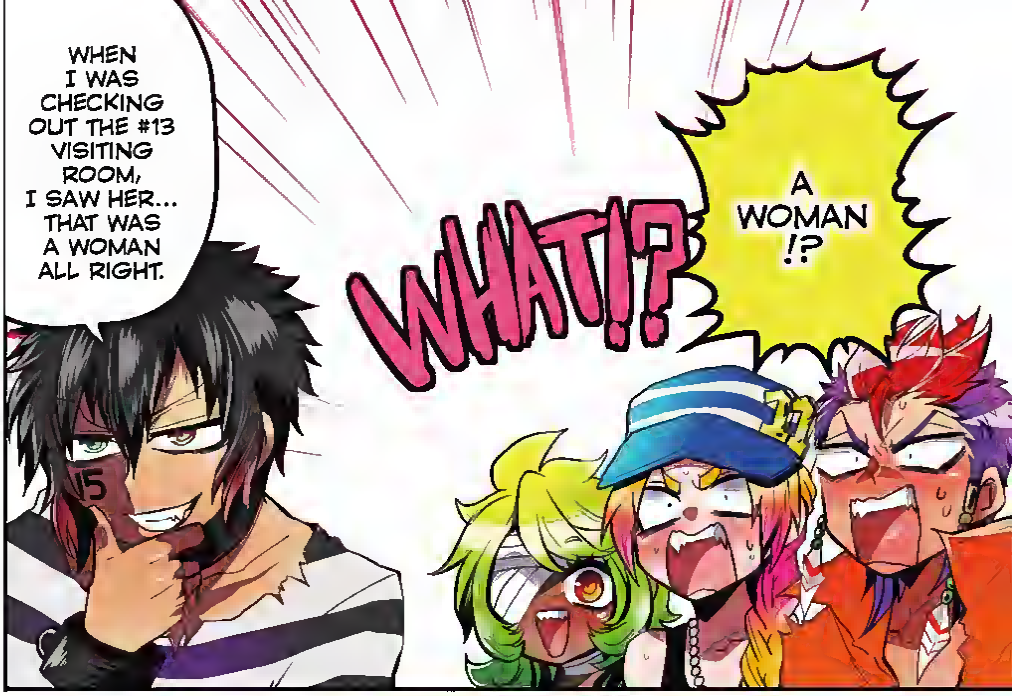
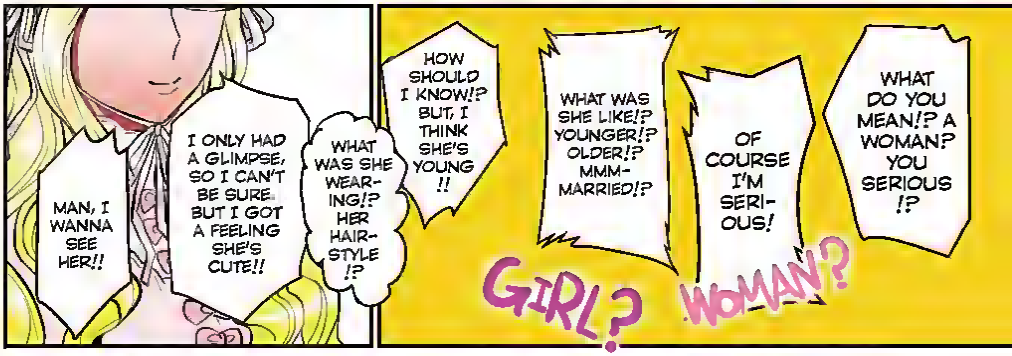
SWEAT
ON SECOND THOUGHT,
DON'T PLAY GAMES.

HE'S QUITE PROUD OF HIS PHYSICAL STRENGTH.
BATTLE!
YO, HAJIME. LET'S YOU AND ME FIGHT.
ROCK IS KNOWN FOR HIS LOVE OF FIGHTING.
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL THE SUDDEN?
HUH?
ALL RIGHT, THEN...
CLENCH
I CAN'T FIGHT WITH AN INMATE EVEN IF YOU ASK NICELY, THERE'S NO WAY.
COMMAND
BE
LO
TURN
IT'S WORKOUT TIME, RIGHT? SO, COME AT ME.
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO START ONE!!
WHOOSH
1369

SMASH
GWAA
!!
GRAB
GRAB
OH,
CRAP.
DOWN
I DIDN'T ...
HAJIME HAS A BLACK BELT IN JUDO.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, SIR!?
NO... THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...

I'M BUSY TODAY, SO BEHAVE!
YOU JUST DON'T QUIT, DO YOU!?
OW!
THUD
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE ABLE TO EVADE HIM FOR TEN MINUTES. I LOST THE BET WITH UNO-KUN AGAIN...
SHUT UP.
YOU KNOW YOU'LL GET CAUGHT IN NO TIME IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. HOW COCKY.
JUST UNDER EIGHT MINUTES TODAY, HUH? HAJIME IS IMPROVING.
HAHAHA
OH DEAR
A WOMAN.
EXTRAORDINARY?
TODAY, THOUGH, I SAW SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY...
HEHE HE...


WHEN I WAS CHECKING OUT THE #13 VISITING ROOM, I SAW HER... THAT WAS A WOMAN ALL RIGHT.
WHAT!?
A WOMAN !?


MAN, I WANNA SEE HER!!
I ONLY HAD A GLIMPSE, SO I CAN'T BE SURE BUT I GOT A FEELING SHE'S CUTE!!
WHAT WAS SHE WEARING!? HER HAIRSTYLE !?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!? BUT, I THINK SHE'S YOUNG !!
WHAT WAS SHE LIKE!? YOUNGER!? OLDER!? MMM-MARRIED!?
OF COURSE I'M SERIOUS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? A WOMAN? YOU SERIOUS !?
GIRL?
WOMAN?

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'D GET LADY VISITORS.
IF SO, THEN IT'S GOTTA BE ME.
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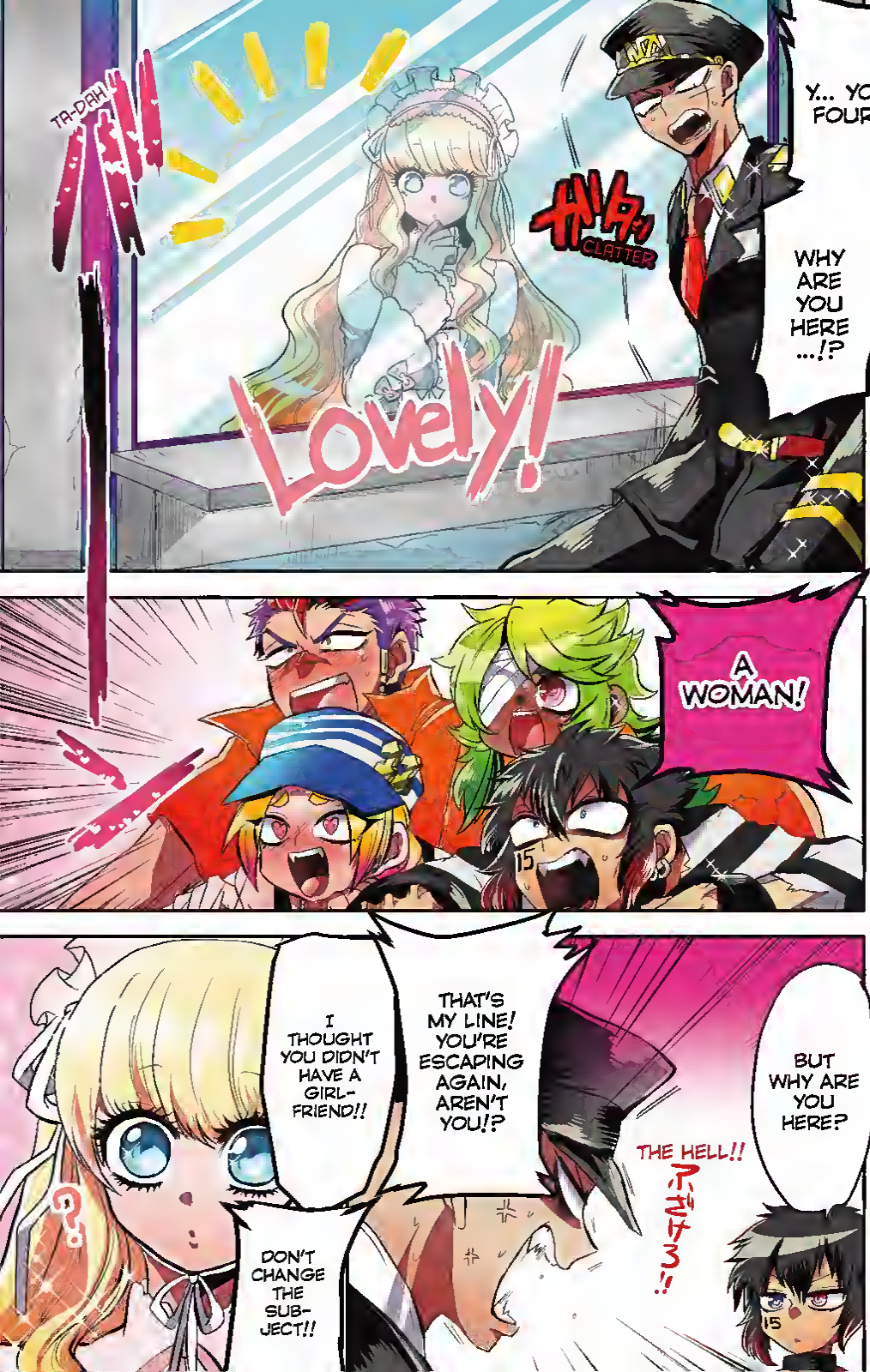
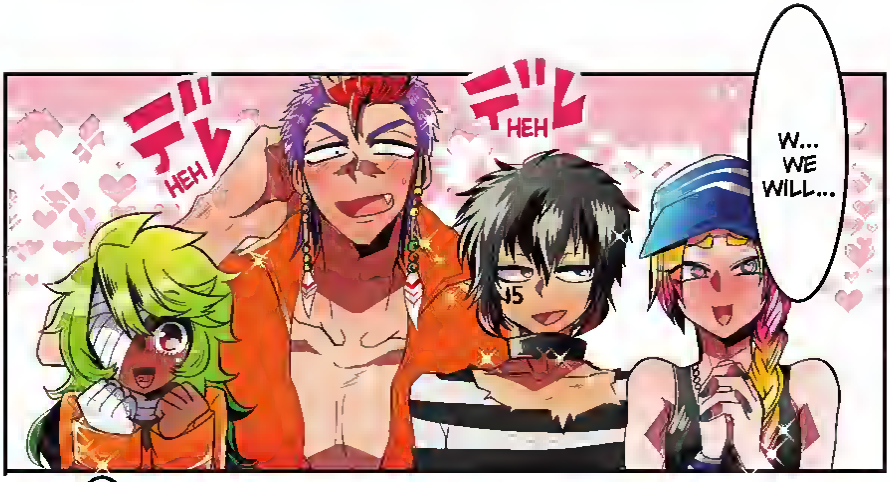
HMMM... うーむ...
IF SHE'S IN #13, THERE'S A CHANCE SHE'S HERE TO VISIT ONE OF US...

YEAH, RIGHT. IT'S ME.
はぁ HEH?
YOU'RE A LIFELONG PRISONER, SO THERE'S NO WAY YOU HAVE A GIRL OUTSIDE.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!
IN ANY CASE, I JUST WANNA KNOW WHO SHE'S HERE FOR.
WELL, THEN,
IF YOU'RE THAT WORKED UP, LET'S JUST GO SEE HER IN PERSON!!
ALL RIGHT, IT'S UNANI-MOUS! TO THE VISITING ROOM!
HEY! NOT YOU GUYS AGAIN-
DASH!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

THUD
THUD
THUD
BUILDING 13 VISITING ROOM
13舎面会室
CHAAARRRGE
OW!
SLAM
11
HEY, STOP PUSHING ...
AAGH!!
15


TA-DAH!
Lovely!
ガタッ
CLATTER
Y... YOU FOUR!
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...!?
A WOMAN!
15
BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?
THE HELL!!
アホオオ!!
THAT'S MY LINE! YOU'RE ESCAPING AGAIN, AREN'T YOU!?
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!!
DON'T CHANGE THE SUB-JECT!!
15

YEAH. GET HOME SAFE.
OKAY, BIG BROTHER. GOOD LUCK WITH WORK.
YOU PUNKS...
HMM... CAN'T REALLY SEE IT...
NOT POSSIBLE. THIS IS HAJIME WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
GIRL-FRIEND ...? NO, SHE CAN'T BE.
/ER, YEP
B... BIG BROTHER ?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY BIG BROTHER.
SPARKLE
ピアアアアアア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HEH
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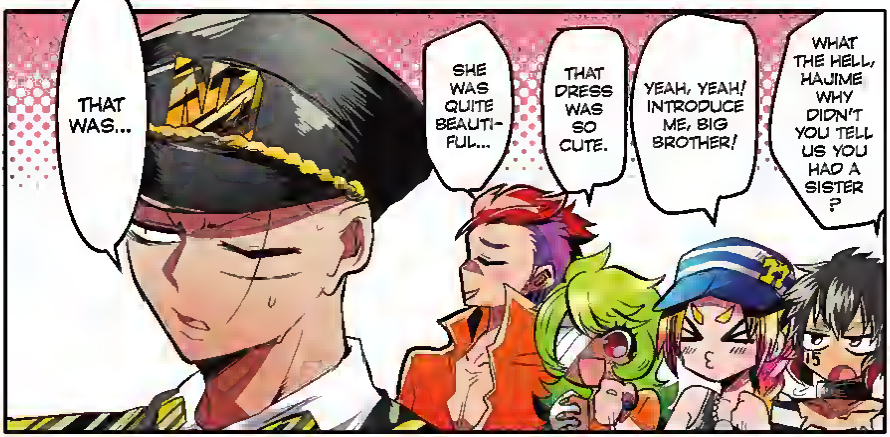
HEH
W... WE WILL...


THAT WAS...
SHE WAS QUITE BEAUTI-FUL...
THAT DRESS WAS SO CUTE.
YEAH, YEAH! INTRODUCE ME, BIG BROTHER!
WHAT THE HELL, HAJIME WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YOU HAD A SISTER ?

MY LITTLE BROTHER.
CRACK
ガシ

SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
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SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
キラ
HITOSHI SUGOROKU
♂
SHOCK
NO WAY !!
THEIR SPRINGTIME CAME AND WENT.

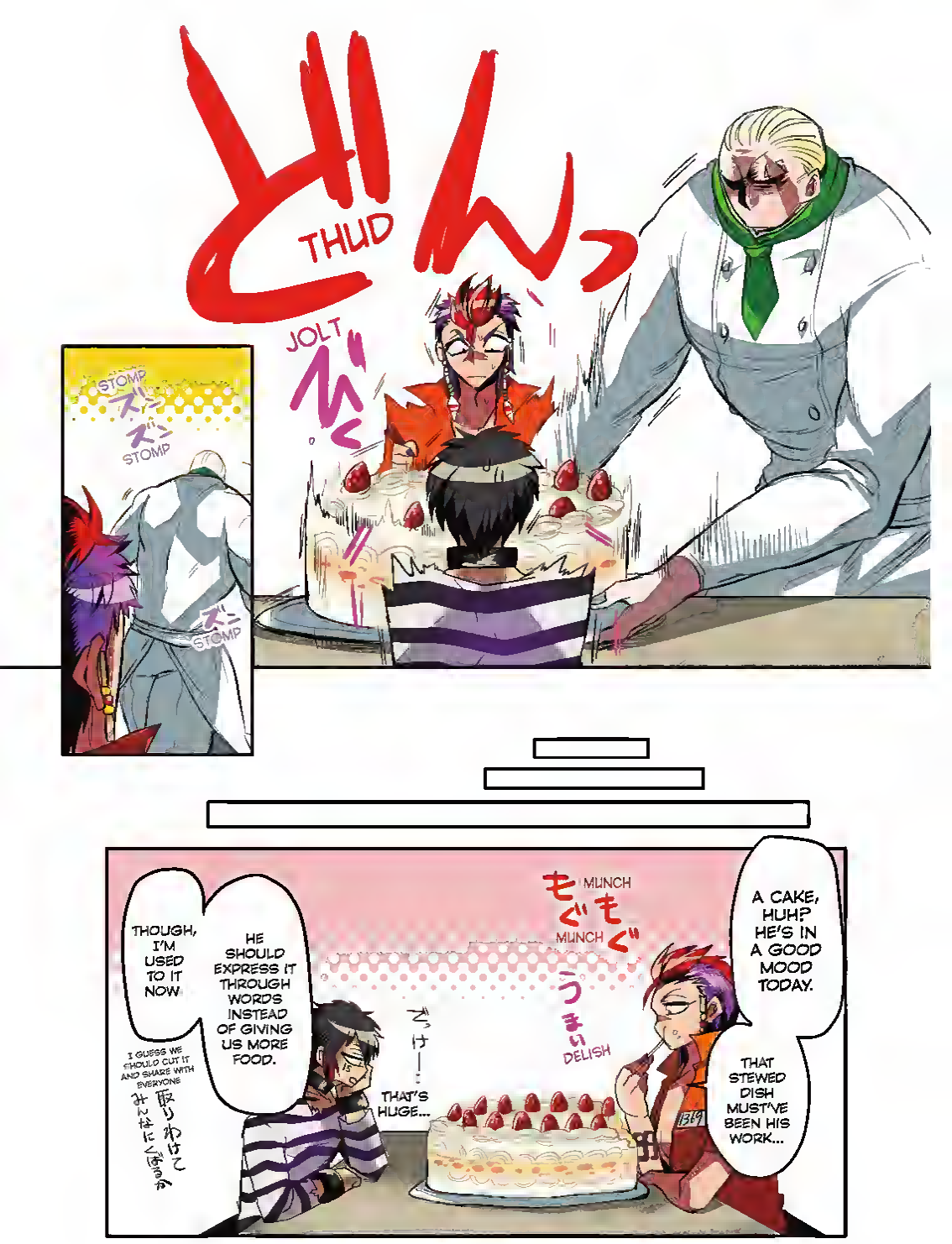
CHAPTER 4

SUGOROKU
13
NANBA PRISON BLDG 13 SUPERVISING OFFICER
"HAJIME SUGOROKU"
AKA: HAJIME
HIS HOBBY IS SHOGI.
NATIONALITY: JAPANESE

DELICIOUS♡
SO GOOD!!
DAMN, THE FOOD HERE IS EXCELLENT
IN THE MESS HALL
食堂
YUMMY
YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CRAZY APPETITE
YEAH THIS STEWED STUFF IS ESPECIALLY GOOD!
WELL, THIS PLACE DOES HAVE THE BEST FOOD AROUND
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING OBSESSED
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
15
ドガチャン
CRASH
GRRRR
GRRRR
WHAT THE HELL? ROOKIES?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
どした？
DUNNO, ごぉ？
PROBABLY.
THEY DON'T SEEM TO KNOW THE CAFETERIA RULES YET.
?
15

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT...
WHAT ARE THEY ON ABOUT?
HEY GUYS. I WOULDN'T FIGHT IN HERE IF I WERE YOU
HUH!?
HE'S RIGHT
WHRRR
APPRENTICE CHEF: SHIRO
CHOKE
UGH!
GWA!
CRUSH
CRUSH

YO, SHIRO. YOU'RE REALLY GOING AT IT TODAY.
HEEEY ちーす
YOU'RE HUMON-GOUS, AS USUAL.
WOW わお
NOD コクリ
C... CAN'T BREATHE... くくるし...
AS ALWAYS, TODAY'S MEAL WAS TO DIE FOR!!
HEHEHE フフン
ESPECIALLY THIS STEWED STUFF!! GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE OLD MAN HIMSELF, WILL YA?!
STOMP ズン
STOMP ズン
STOMP ズン
TURN くるり
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
HE WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL, BUT HE CAME BACK TO BE THAT OLD CHEF'S APPRENTICE.
HE NEVER SAYS A THING.
HE RETURNED TO PRISON VOLUNTARILY. WHO DOES THAT?


THUD
どんっ
JOLT
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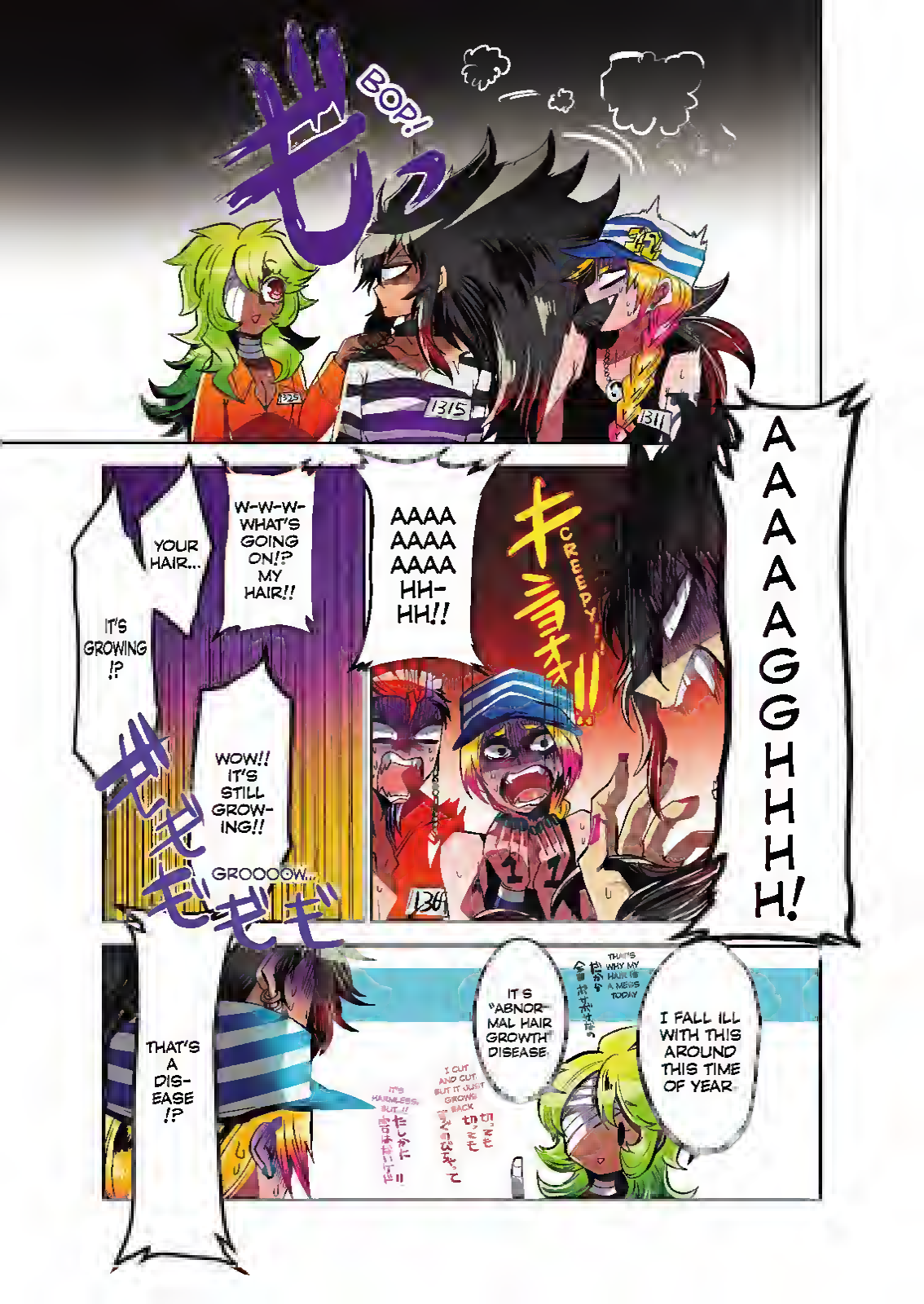
STOMP
ズン
STOMP
ズン
STOMP
MUNCH
もぐもぐ
MUNCH
うまい
DELISH
A CAKE, HUH? HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY.
THAT STEWED DISH MUST'VE BEEN HIS WORK...
がけ—!
THAT'S HUGE...
HE SHOULD EXPRESS IT THROUGH WORDS INSTEAD OF GIVING US MORE FOOD.
THOUGH, I'M USED TO IT NOW
I GUESS WE SHOULD CUT IT AND SHARE WITH EVERYONE
取りわけて
みんなにくばるか

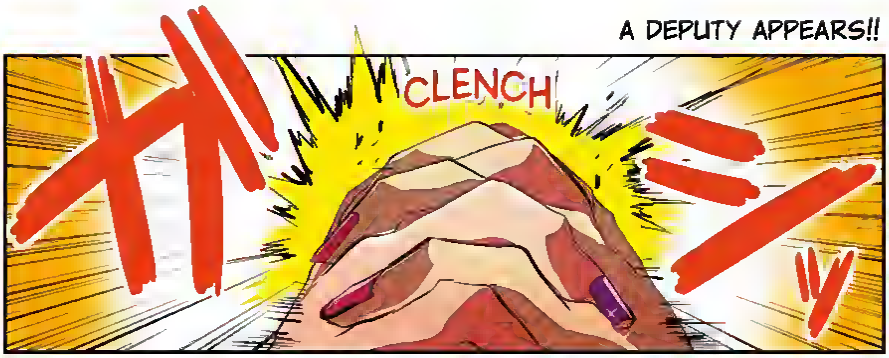
NIKO'S CHRONIC ILLNESS SERIES
NAH. JUST CHOKED ON SALIVA. I'M FINE NOW.
ARE YOU SICK OR SOMETHING, NIKO?
PULL
COUGH,
COUGH.
DON'T WORRY. MY CHRONIC ILLNESSES WON'T HARM YOU EVEN IF YOU DID CATCH THEM.
RELAX
THOUGH, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THEY ARE
TAKE IT EASY, WILL YA? YOU HAVE SO MANY CHRONIC DISEASES, AND I DON'T WANNA CATCH 'EM.
BUT DURING THIS SEASON...
I STILL DON'T KNOW THEM ALL MYSELF.
TAP
WHAT KIND OF CHRONIC ILLNESSES DO YOU HAVE ANYWAY, NIKO?
THEN IT'S NOT A DISEASE.
HARMLESS DISEASE?


BOP!
315
311
AAAAAGGHHHH!
AAAA AAAA AAAA HH-HH!!
CREEAK!!
W-W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON!? MY HAIR!!
YOUR HAIR...
IT'S GROWING !?
WOW!! IT'S STILL GROW-ING!!
GROOOOW...
THAT'S A DIS-EASE !?
IT'S "ABNOR-MAL HAIR GROWTH" DISEASE
I FALL ILL WITH THIS AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR
THAT'S WHY MY HAIR IS A MESS TODAY
I CUT AND CUT BUT IT JUST GROWS BACK
IT'S HARMLESS, BUT...!!

EH!
BOP!
IT'S CONTAGIOUS...
WHAT THE— STOP LAUGHING, UNO!!
NO! DON'T!
GRAB
HEHE, YOU LOOK HILARIOUS, JYUGO...
BUT SERIOUSLY,
HAHA
AHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!! TAKE THAT!!
GROWWW...
WAAAHHH!! MY HAAIRRRR!! MY SUPER CUTICLES!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SCREAMING ABOUT!?
BANG!
SHUT UP!!
AAAAGH! DON'T COME NEAR MEEEE!!
HOW SOON!? AND HOW LONG IS MY HAIR GONNA GROW!?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT IT'LL PROBABLY GO AWAY SOON.
WILL THIS HEAL!?
STEP
STEP

PLEASE, DON'T!!
AAAAAAA NOOOOOO
THIS IS SUGOROKU, SUPERVISING OFFICER OF BUILDING 13. I'VE DETECTED UNIDENTIFIED CREATURES IN CELL 13. REQUESTING BACKUP FOR THEIR CAPTURE.

CHAPTER 5
1315


A DEPUTY APPEARS!!
CLENCH

NO SHIT! DON'T GET COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU WON AT THUMB WRESTLING! I'M WAY STRONGER THAN YOU!
THOUGHT YOU GOT RUSTY FROM PRISON LIFE, BUT YOU'RE STILL STRONG AS EVER!
EH, ROCK?!
GRR!!!PPP

15
!
STOP, GENTLE-MEN !!
WHOOSH
BOOM
THERE'S ABSO-LUTELY NO BRAWLING ALLOWED IN THIS PENITEN-TIARY!!
15
W... WHO'RE YOU?

MY NAME IS YAMATO GODAI!!
I AM HERE TODAY AS ACTING SUPERVISOR INSTEAD OF OFFICER SUGOROKU.
GODAI
日本
JAPAN
SENPAI IS SICK TODAY, SO HE'S RESTING!!
ばっ
SALUTE
WHERE'S HAJIME-CHAN?
HE'S NOT HERE TODAY?
今日はいない？
IT'S NO FUN WITHOUT HIS REACTIONS.
NO WONDER IT'S QUIET TODAY.
TENSE
ガッ
BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND, GENTLEMEN!! STOP FIGHTING IMMEDIATELY!!
BESIDES, I'VE STOPPED ALREADY
WE WEREN'T FIGHTING WE WERE JUST TESTING OUR STRENGTH
I DUNNO ABOUT THIS GUY
コイツ…
GODAI
AHH

U-UNBE-LIEVABLE! UPON CLOSER INSPEC-TION, I SEE THAT YOU ARE THOSE INFAMOUS TROUBLE-MAKERS!!
GASP
YOU DIDN'T COME HERE KNOWING THAT?
OH GEEZ
あーもー
YEP, THIS GUY IS ANNOY-ING
WHAT A PARTY POOPER
YOU JUST MADE MY JOB A LOT EASIER!!
GRIP
I WILL BE HAPPY TO BEAT SOME SENSE INTO YOU GENTLEMEN IN THE SUPERVISOR'S ABSENCE!!
BOOM
WHAT?
HAHAHAHA
AS PROPER JAPANESE MEN, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WORK HARD!!
H, HEY
LET GO!!
INSTEAD OF ESCAPING YOU SHOULD REPENT FOR YOUR CRIMES AND THEN WALK OUT WITH YOUR HEADS HELD HIGH!!
I WANT YOU GENTLE-MEN TO LEAD HAPPY, BRIGHT, AND HONEST LIVES!!
LET'S ALL GO GREET THE JAPA-NESE DAWN !!
UM, I'M BRIT-ISH!!
HE'S HELLA STRONG !!
DRAG DRAG DRAG DRAG
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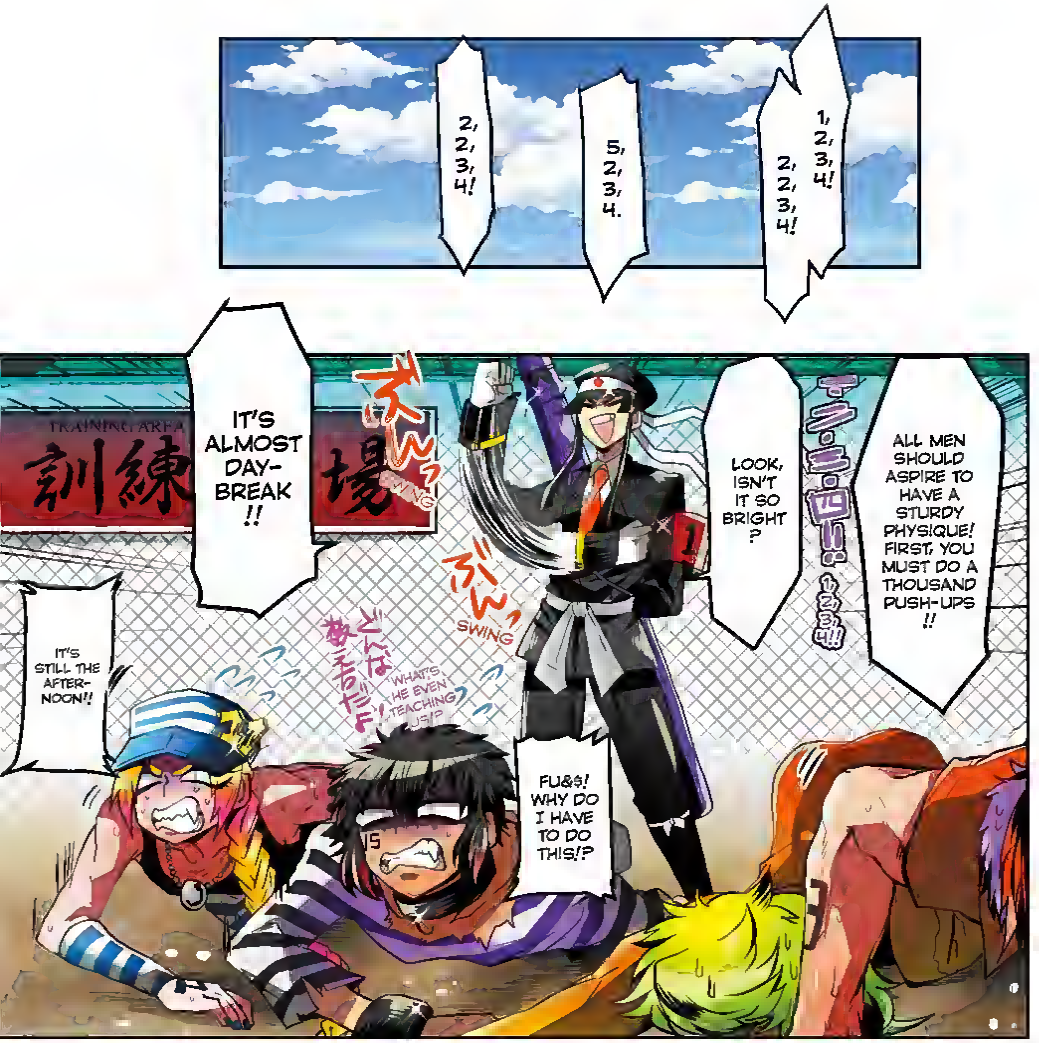
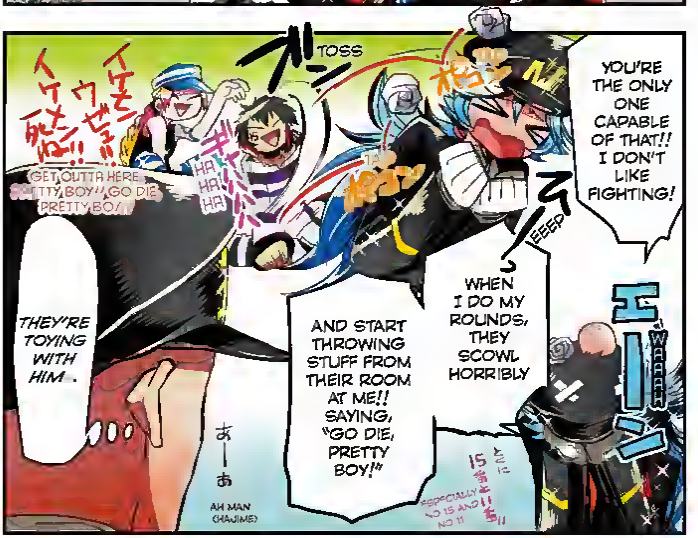

1, 2, 3, 4!
2, 2, 3, 4!
5, 2, 3, 4.
2, 2, 3, 4!
TRAINING AREA
訓練場
ALL MEN SHOULD ASPIRE TO HAVE A STURDY PHYSIQUE! FIRST, YOU MUST DO A THOUSAND PUSH-UPS !!
LOOK, ISN'T IT SO BRIGHT ?
IT'S ALMOST DAY-BREAK !!
IT'S STILL THE AFTER-NOON!!
FU&$! WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS!?
WHAT'S HE EVEN TEACHING US!?
SWING
HURRY BACK, HAJIM-EEEE!
NO WHINING! YOU SHOULD LET OUT A BATTLE CRY FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW !!
N-NO..
UGHHH UGHHH.
YOU WANT SOME APPLE PIECES, BIG BROTHER ?
HITOSHI (BROTHER)
MEAN-WHILE ...

I GOTTA DO IT MYSELF...

EEK
I'M SORRY
BUT IT'S BEEN HORRIBLE WITH YOU GONE!
IT'S STILL EARLY IN THE MORNING, SEITAROU
I'M NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM MY FEVER, YOU KNOW

OF COURSE IT'S THEM...
CRACK!!
GWARA
BREAK! Fuck You!!
FIGHT!
YOUR DEPUTY SAYS THEY'RE FULL OF ENERGY AND JUST LAUGHS IT OFF...!
SHAKE
SHAKE
CELL 13'S DAILY ESCAPE ATTEMPTS HAVE ESCALATED DUE TO THEIR HATRED OF THE DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S TRAINING.
THEY RUN ABOUT, BREAK THINGS, AND TAKE THEIR ANGER OUT ON ME! IT'S TOTAL CHAOS...!

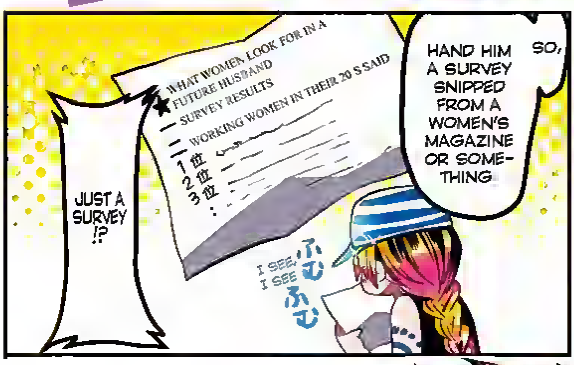
PUTTING ASIDE THE YAMATO ISSUE, YOU'RE A #13 GUARD ON YOUR OWN RIGHT. HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE. LAY DOWN THE LAW.
THEY'RE KIDS
I IT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE THEY NEVER LISTEN TO ANYTHING I SAY
THEN BEAT THEM UP UNTIL THEY DO.
LAW OF THE FIST!?
SWEAT
SWEAT


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF THAT!! I DON'T LIKE FIGHTING!
BEEP
WHEN I DO MY ROUNDS, THEY SCOWL HORRIBLY
AND START THROWING STUFF FROM THEIR ROOM AT ME!! SAYING, "GO DIE, PRETTY BOY!"
THEY'RE TOYING WITH HIM.
AH MAN (HAJIME)
TOSS
HA! HA! HA!
GET OUTTA HERE SHITTY BOY!! GO DIE PRETTY BOY!!

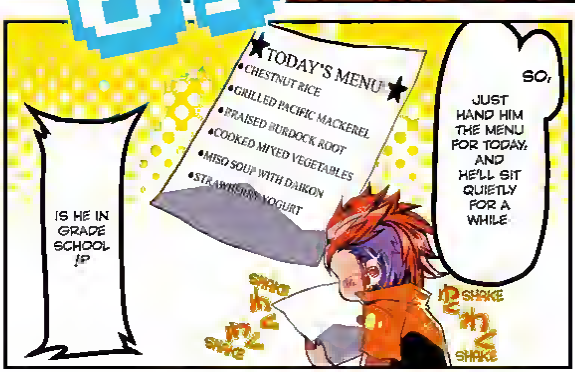
FIRST, IF YOU DO THE FOLLOWING, THEIR ACTIVITY LEVEL WILL DROP BY 50%
POINT

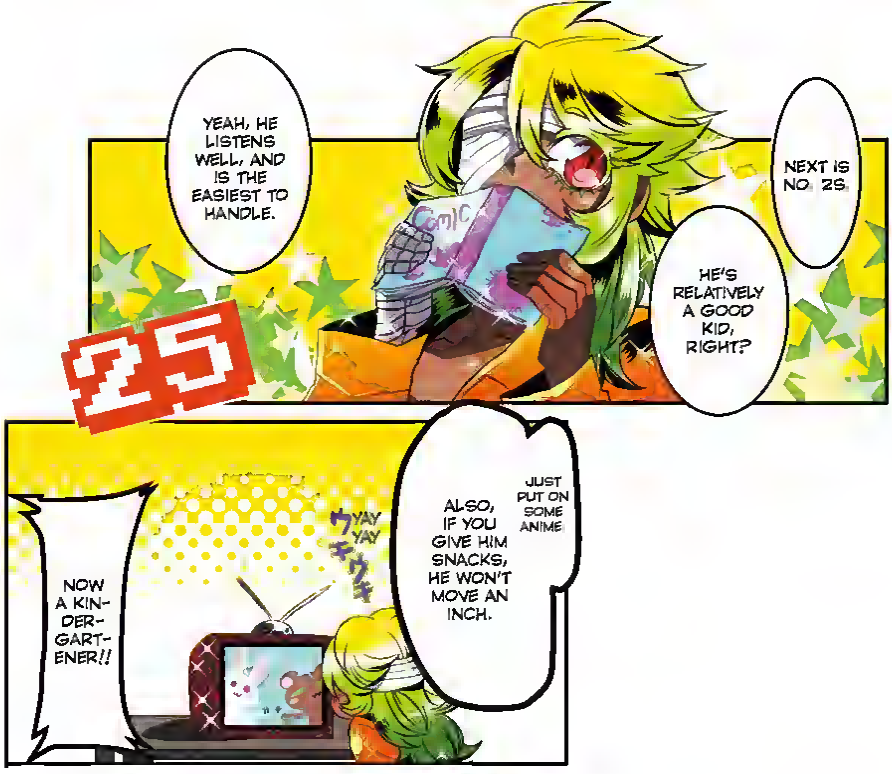
R... REALLY!? PLEASE TEACH ME!!
YOU'LL PROBABLY BE IN CHARGE OF THIS BUILDING SOME DAY
TEACH YOU HOW TO HANDLE THEM.
ALL RIGHT, THEN I GUESS I HAVE TO
SIGH
SHINE

11
HE JUST REALLY LOVES WOMEN, SO ANYTHING RELATED TO THEM WILL GRAB HIS ATTENTION.
LET'S START WITH NO. 11.
THE ONE THAT TALKS A LOT, YES


JUST A SURVEY !?
WHAT WOMEN LOOK FOR IN A FUTURE HUSBAND
SURVEY RESULTS
WORKING WOMEN IN THEIR 20'S SAID
1位
2位
3位
I SEE, I SEE ふむふむ
SO, HAND HIM A SURVEY SNIPPED FROM A WOMEN'S MAGAZINE OR SOMETHING

69
HIS LOVE OF FIGHTING IS A PROBLEM, BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO HIS ENORMOUS APPETITE.
NEXT IS NO. 69.
OK, THAT SCARY LOOKING GUY...


IS HE IN GRADE SCHOOL !?
TODAY'S MENU
•CHESTNUT RICE
•GRILLED PACIFIC MACKEREL
•PRAISED BURDOCK ROOT
•COOKED MIXED VEGETABLES
•MISO SOUP WITH DAIKON
•STRAWBERRY YOGURT
SO, JUST HAND HIM THE MENU FOR TODAY, AND HE'LL SIT QUIETLY FOR A WHILE
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE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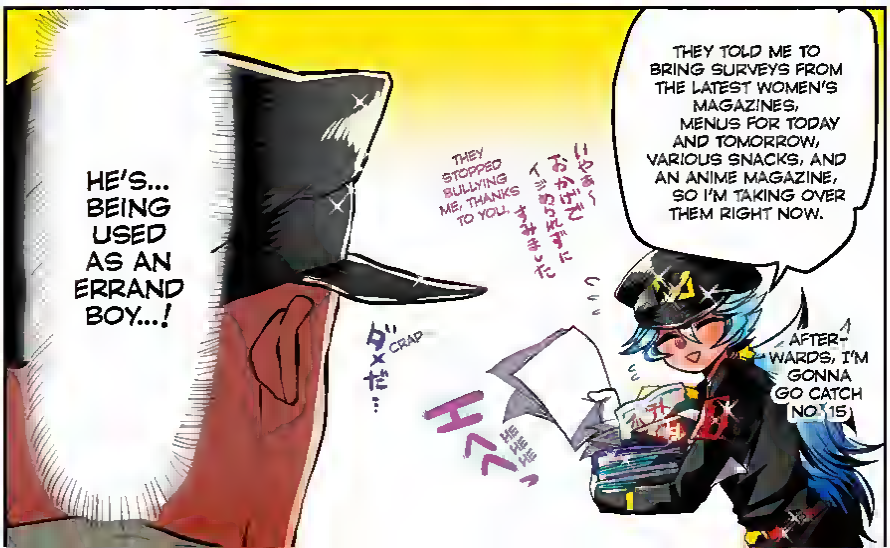
NEXT IS NO. 25.
HE'S RELATIVELY A GOOD KID, RIGHT?
YEAH, HE LISTENS WELL, AND IS THE EASIEST TO HANDLE.
JUST PUT ON SOME ANIME
ALSO, IF YOU GIVE HIM SNACKS, HE WON'T MOVE AN INCH.
ウヤヤ YAY
NOW A KIN-DER-GART-ENER!!

15
LAST IS NO. 15.
RIGHT, THE NUMBER ONE TROUBLE-MAKER.
THE 脱獄王!
KING OF JAILBREAK
HIS HOBBY & SPECIAL SKILL IS JAIL BREAKING
HE WILL, WITHOUT A DOUBT, ESCAPE.
SO, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!?
YEAH!!

MY JOB SOUNDS MORE LIKE A DAYCARE PROVIDER THAN A PRISON GUARD!!
NO.
BUT IN HIS CASE, IF THE OTHER THREE AREN'T TOO ENTHUSED ABOUT ESCAPING, HE'LL LOSE 40% OF HIS MOTIVATION. THEN HE'LL BE EASY TO CATCH EVEN IF HE DOES TRY ANYTHING.
JUST TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER THREE FIRST.
ちょこん,
DOCILE
あとで イチャーに 相手してやれ
AND HUMOR HIM AFTERWARDS

DAYS LATER

THANKS TO YOUR METHODS, I'M BEGINNING TO FIGURE THEM OUT!
HEY, SEI-TAROU. HOW ARE THEY DOING?
DURING HIS ROUND
まかせは みたけど
I LEFT YOU IN CHARGE FOR A WHILE NOW


HE'S... BEING USED AS AN ERRAND BOY...!
THEY TOLD ME TO BRING SURVEYS FROM THE LATEST WOMEN'S MAGAZINES, MENUS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW, VARIOUS SNACKS, AND AN ANIME MAGAZINE, SO I'M TAKING OVER THEM RIGHT NOW.
THEY STOPPED BULLYING ME, THANKS TO YOU.
いやぁ~ おかげで イジめられずに すみました
ガ×だ…
CRAP
AFTER-WARDS, I'M GONNA GO CATCH NO. 15!

CHAPTER 6

I THINK HAJIME IS BRINGING HIM NOW.
WHAT'S HE LIKE?
I HAD NO IDEA
WHAT, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
DID YA KNOW THAT?
HEY, I HEARD A RUMOR IN THE MESS HALL TODAY
THAT THEY'RE PUTTING A NEWBIE IN OUR ROOM.
15
1369

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16

HERE IS IT GET IN.

WH-WHAT THE—!!
WHO...!!
BOOM!
JOLT

しゅ
WHOOSH
たっ

I AM CALLED TSUKUMO, INMATE NUMBER 99. I WILL BE JOINING YOU HERE IN ROOM 13. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
SHINOBI
忍

HE'S... GOTTA BE A...
どき
BA-THUMP
そわ
FIDGET
COULD HE BE...?
どき
BA-THUMP
どき
BA-THUMP
FIDGET
そわ
FIDGET
そわ
H... HEY, IS HE...
WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
15

JAPANESE NINJA!!
キャアアアアア
EEEEEEEP!
THIS REALLY IS JAPAN!! WHAT A COUN-TRY!! NINJA!
JAPANESE NINJA ACTUALLY EXIST!!
WOW, THIS IS AMAZING!! MY FIRST TIME SEEING A REAL NINJA! SO COOL!!
COOL!
THE REAL DEAL!
OH! NINJA!
ROUND AND ROUND
ROUND AND ROUND
INDEED
凛
DIGNIFIED
I AM A NINJA.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS NINJA.
YOU IDIOTS.
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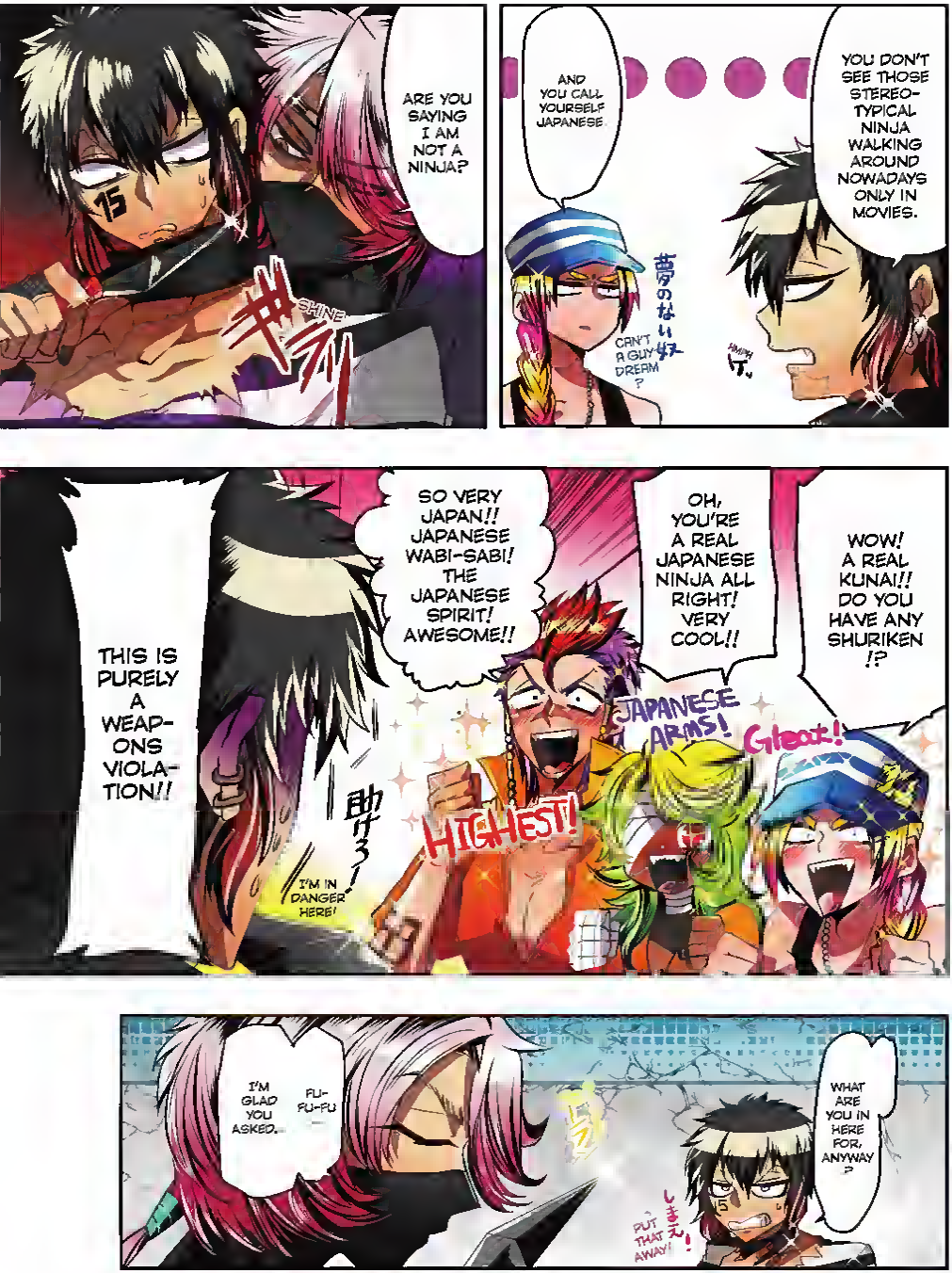
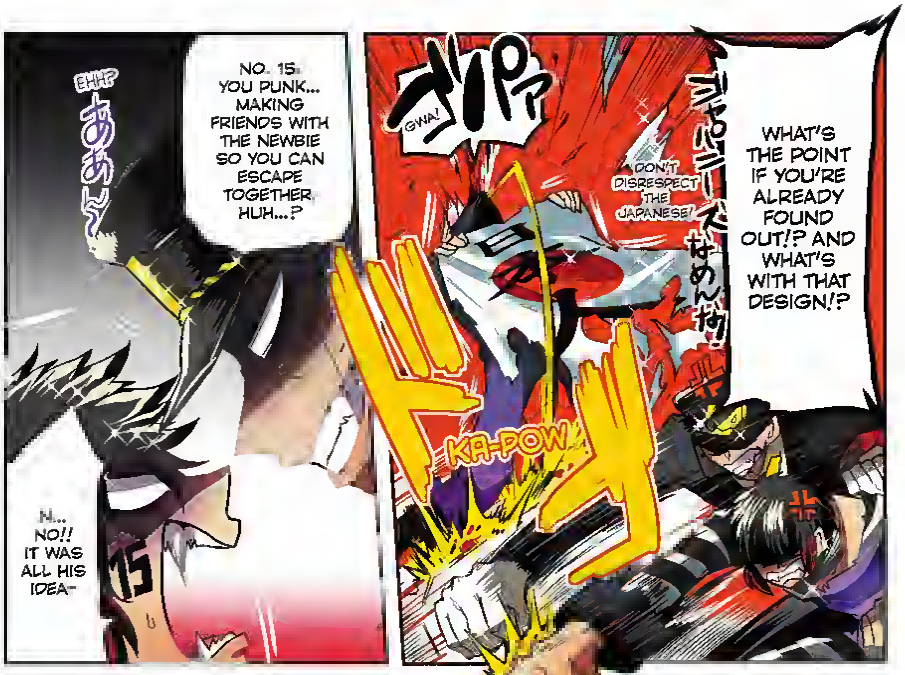

ARE YOU SAYING I AM NOT A NINJA?
SHINE
YOU DON'T SEE THOSE STEREO-TYPICAL NINJA WALKING AROUND NOWADAYS ONLY IN MOVIES.
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF JAPANESE
CAN'T A GUY DREAM?
OH, YOU'RE A REAL JAPANESE NINJA ALL RIGHT! VERY COOL!!
WOW! A REAL KUNAI!! DO YOU HAVE ANY SHURIKEN !?
SO VERY JAPAN!! JAPANESE WABI-SABI! THE JAPANESE SPIRIT! AWESOME!!
THIS IS PURELY A WEAP-ONS VIOLA-TION!!
助け3!
I'M IN DANGER HERE!
HIGHEST!
JAPANESE ARMS!
Great!
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.
FU-FU-FU
WHAT ARE YOU IN HERE FOR, ANYWAY?
しまえ!
PUT THAT AWAY!

YOU DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING?
IT WAS JUST FOR TRAINING...
TO THINK I WAS ARRESTED AS A SUSPICIOUS PERSON TRESPASSING I WILL NEVER LIVE THIS DOWN..!
SOB
WHAT AN IDIOT
バカだな
COVERT ACTIONS ARE MY DAILY LIFE
I MUST LIVE IN THE SHADOWS AND ACT
AS A SHADOW
AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM A "SHINOBI" BORN IN THE LAND OF SHINOBI
SWOOSH
HE'S A GOOD MATCH FOR YOU, JYUGO.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER ESCAPED CONVICT WHO EVENTUALLY GETS CAUGHT
I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED FROM MULTIPLE PRISONS USING VARIOUS NINJUTSU!! NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I AM CAPTURED, BREAKING OUT OF PRISON IS AKIN TO SNATCHING CANDY FROM A BABY!!
HOWEVER, I AM A SHINOBI! I WILL NOT SIMPLY SIT HERE BECAUSE I GOT CAUGHT!!
DON'T GROUP ME WITH HIM.
WHOOSH
HUH? I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT YOU.
FIGHT ME!!
OH!? YOU'RE A NINJA AS WELL? WE'RE BOTH JAPANESE AFTER ALL!! THEN, LET'S GET RIGHT TO BUSINESS!!
CLANG

YOU AFRAID ...?
FU-FU
I'M NOT A NINJA!! WHAT IDIOT WOULD EVEN TAKE THAT CHAL-LENGE!?
JAB
WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS THE BETTER SHINOBI!!
I'LL SHOW YOU A REAL ARTIST AT WORK. YOU NINJA WANNABE!!
YOU'RE SO INFURI-ATING! IF YOU WANT A MATCH, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!!
STOMP
OUCH !!
CREEP
CREEP

YOU FAKE NINJA
HMPH
WHAT PRO?
BE QUIET! ALL PROS HAVE THEIR OWN METHODS
HEY, IS THAT HOW A NINJA ESCAPES? WON'T IT ATTRACT MORE ATTENTION?
HAHAHA! THIS IS WHERE MY NINJUTSU COMES IN HANDY!!
WHIP
SHINOBI
W... WHAT'S HE GONNA DO!?
CRAP! HE FOUND US!!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO UP TO...?
RUMMMBLE
FLAP
JAPANESE
NINJA TECHNIQUE: CLOAK OF INVISIBILITY!!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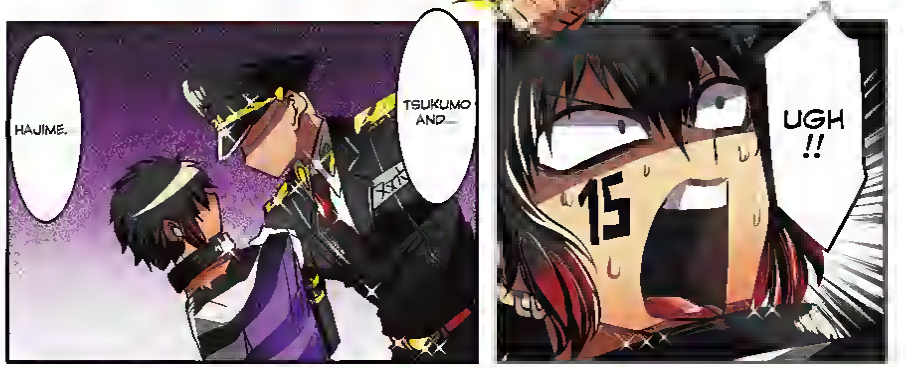
NO. 15, YOU PUNK... MAKING FRIENDS WITH THE NEWBIE SO YOU CAN ESCAPE TOGETHER, HUH...?
N... NO!! IT WAS ALL HIS IDEA-
GWA!
DON'T DISRESPECT THE JAPANESE!
ジャパニーズなめんな!
KA-POW
WHAT'S THE POINT IF YOU'RE ALREADY FOUND OUT!? AND WHAT'S WITH THAT DESIGN!?



*HAJIME TSUKUMO IS A JAPANESE ACTOR & MODEL POPULAR AMONG THE PREVIOUS GENERATION

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? ASK MY BOSS!
YO. WHY DID YOU SHOVE THIS GUY IN OUR PLACE?
HE'S TOO MUCH TO HANDLE
DAMMIT
JUST LEAVE HIM TO ME. YOU GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
BAM
FU-HAHAHAHA! YOU SAW THROUGH MY TRICK. TO BE EXPECTED OF A NANBA PRISON OFFICER!!
1399
HAHAHAHA
FLING
SCATTER
NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ME!!
NOT SO FAST!! NINJA TECHNIQUE: "MAKIBISHI"!!
SCATTER
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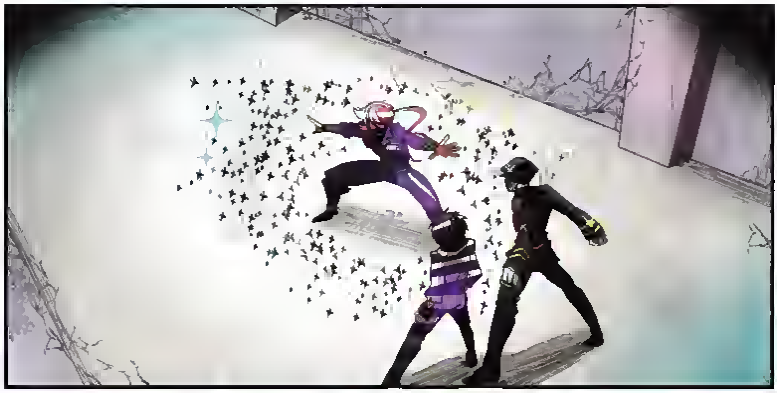


AND THUS TSUKUMO WAS TRANSFERRED TO BUILDING 13, CELL 11.

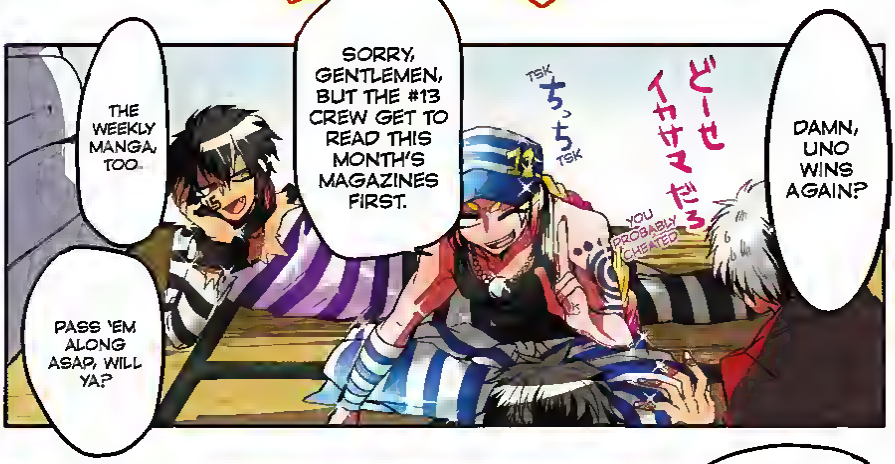
CHAPTER 7
NANBA PRISON BLDG 13
DEPUTY SUPERVISING OFFICER
"YAMATO GODAI"
AKA: YAMATO
HOBBY: WORKING OUT
NATIONALITY: JAPANESE

ALWAYS GREET YOUR BOSS

I KNOW I'M A LITTLE LATE IN ASKING...
UMM...
WELL, HE IS MY CAT, AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE HERE FAR EXCEED YOURS.
I'M RANKED BELOW A CAT!?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A CAT!? SHOW SOME RESPECT! HE'S YOUR SUPERIOR!
SINCE HE'S SITTING ON YOUR DESK...
I EVEN GREET HIM FROM FORCE OF HABIT.
BUT WHY IS THERE A CAT IN THE GUARD-ROOM...?
HE'S NOW A RESPECTABLE "POLICE CAT," THOUGH. HE SLEEPS MOST OF THE TIME
WARDER CAT
HMPH
GUARD CAT "KUU"

OBVIOUSLY, HE'S KEEPING THIS SECRET FROM HIS SUPERIORS.
I'M THE ONE WHO FOUND HIM,
BUT I CAN'T HAVE PETS AT MY PLACE...
HMM
I KEPT FEEDING HIM, SO HE KIND OF SETTLED IN...
HMPH
CHIRP
HE'S LIKE A DOG...
ON PATROL
HE FOLLOWS ME EVERYWHERE.
TROT
HMPH
TROT

YOU LOSE IF YOU'RE CAUGHT


THE WEEKLY MANGA, TOO.
SORRY, GENTLEMEN, BUT THE #13 CREW GET TO READ THIS MONTH'S MAGAZINES FIRST.
TSK ちっち TSK
どーせイカサマだろ
YOU PROBABLY CHEATED
DAMN, UNO WINS AGAIN?
PASS 'EM ALONG ASAP, WILL YA?

IT'S ALL GOOD. HE'LL NEVER FIND OUT. I'M NOT AFRAID OF MEAN OL' HAJIME-CHAN.
SAY, THIS IS ROOM 9, YOU KNOW? WON'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE BEING HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION? HAJIME IS GONNA BE PISSED.
1311

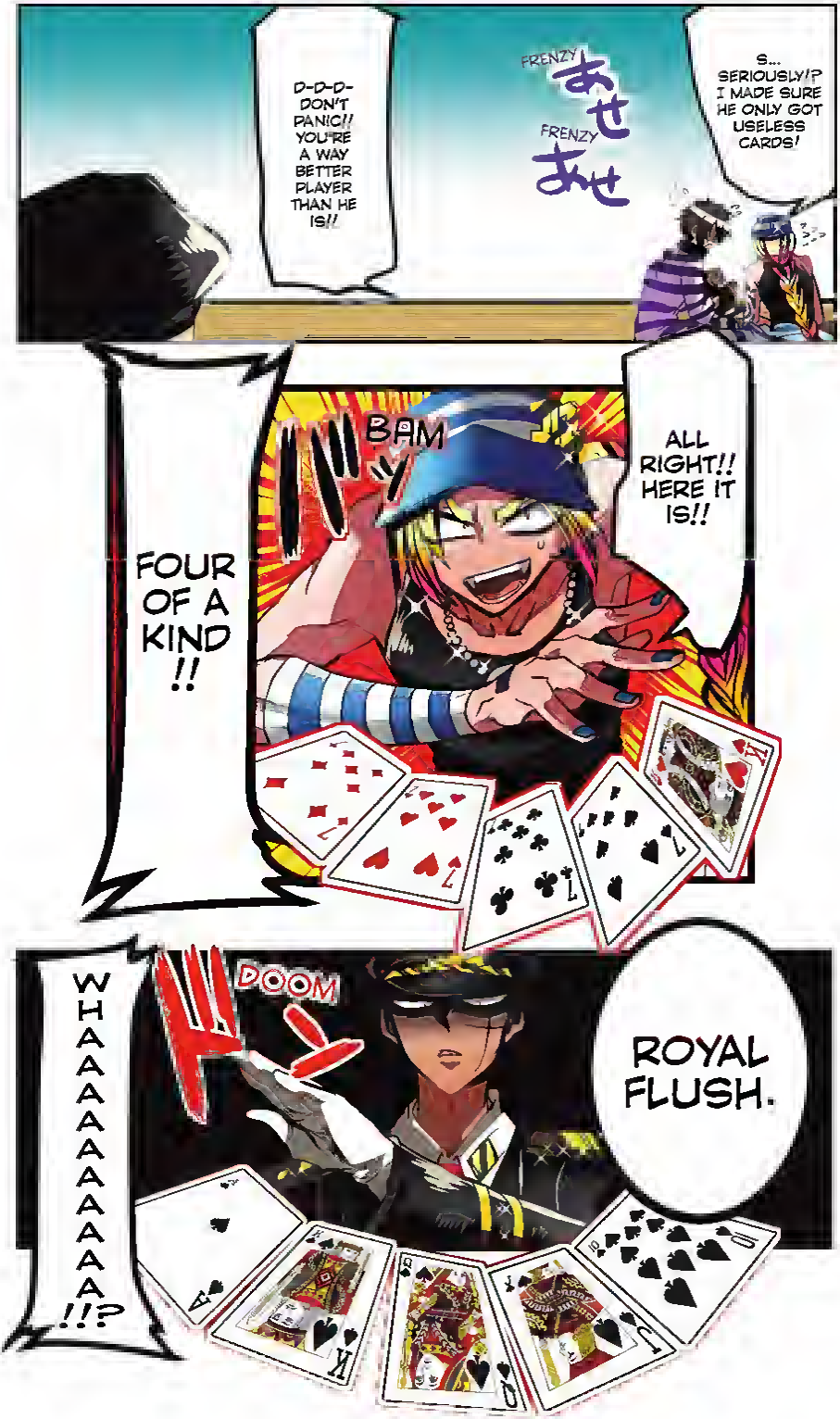
RRRULLLIMMMBBBLE
YEAH, YEAH. IT'S NO SWEAT.
HE CAN COME AT ME ANY-TIME!
H... HEY.

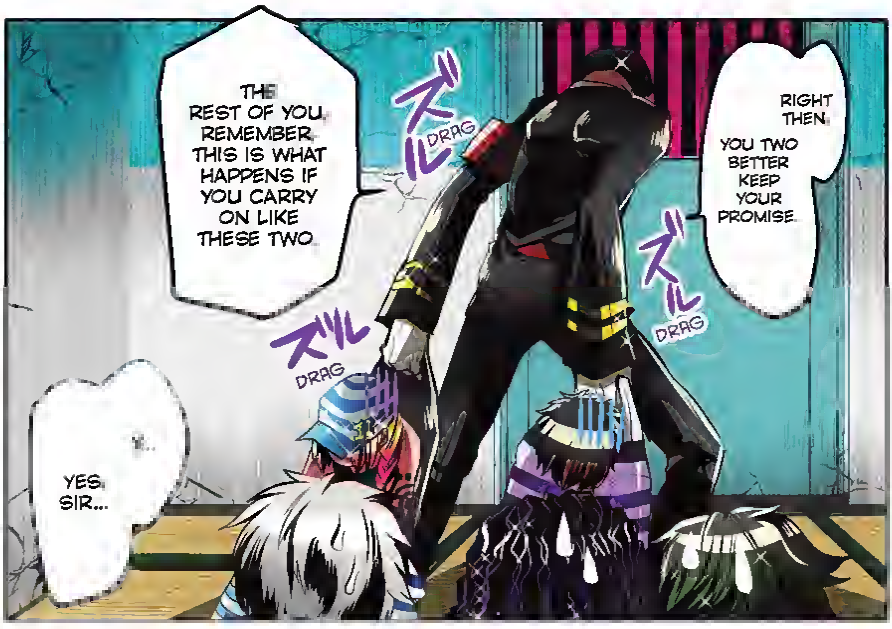
WHACK
WHACK

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!
WE'RE STILL IN THE PRISON RIGHT?
PISSED OFF
PISSED OFF
I SEE YOU'VE ESCAPED AGAIN. WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO IDIOTS DOING IN THE WRONG UNIT?

VS
GAME
IF WE LOSE, WE'LL BE GOOD LITTLE BOYS FOR THREE DAYS.
LET'S GAMBLE A BIT, HAJIME.
HOLD ON.
RERCH
GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM
AH?
...
BAM
GLARE
ONE WEEK.
WHIP
D...
DEAL...

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TERRIFYING GAMBLING CAN BE.
HEHE
R... RIGHT. HE'S AN AMATEUR, AFTER ALL.
CALM DOWN, UNO! THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL WIN!
12WIN
FULL HOUSE.
WHAT THE HELL?


D-D-D-DON'T PANIC!! YOU'RE A WAY BETTER PLAYER THAN HE IS!!
FRENZY あせ
FRENZY あせ
S... SERIOUSLY!? I MADE SURE HE ONLY GOT USELESS CARDS!
BAM
ALL RIGHT!! HERE IT IS!!
FOUR OF A KIND !!
DOOM
ROYAL FLUSH.
WHAAAAAAAAAA!!?


THE REST OF YOU REMEMBER THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU CARRY ON LIKE THESE TWO.
ズル
DRAG
RIGHT THEN. YOU TWO BETTER KEEP YOUR PROMISE.
ズル
DRAG
ズル
DRAG
YES, SIR...

ムリムリ
SO RECKLESS
EVERYONE KNOWS YOU SHOULD NEVER PLAY POKER WITH HAJIME.
まただ
FOR REAL
やっぱりバカだな
BUNCH OF IDIOTS
THEY DIDN'T KNOW?
WHEN IT COMES TO CHEATING NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM.

INMATE NUMBER "11"

UNO

GAMBLER

FAVORITE COLOR

BLUE

TRADEMARK

VERY LONG BRAID

EYES

SKY BLUE

INMATE NUMBER "69"

ROCK

HUNGRY HOOLIGAN

FAVORITE COLOR

ROYAL PURPLE

TRADEMARK

2-TONE MOHAWK

EYES

GOLD

CHAPTER 8

NANBA PRISON CAFETERIA WORKER
APPRENTICE CHEF
"SHIRO"
(FORMERLY INMATE NUMBER: 456)
HOBBY: MENU PLANNING
NATIONALITY: FRENCH

CURRENTLY TRAINING
UNDER THE HEAD CHEF
(AKA: THE OLD MAN)

IN THE MESS HALL
IN 食堂
CHAPTER
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LOOK, LOOK! AN APPLE SLICE BUNNY!
HEY, CHECK OUT THE FLAG ON MY FRIED RICE TODAY.
IT'S TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS A MISSILE EARLIER?
AND THEN, SUDDENLY,
A JET PLANE WAS FLYING RIGHT AT ME
YAY
YAY
ガヤガヤ
MY FLAG IS REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO. THAT'S RARE.
IT'S RIGHT UP SHIRO'S ALLEY. OH, MINE'S SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
DON'T YOU THINK THESE FLAGS ARE A BIT UNCONVENTIONAL?
I GOT TURKMENISTAN LAST TIME.
1315
THAT'S A COUNTRY IN EUROPE?
ちゃぷ
PLINK
AH, I GET EXCITED WHEN I GET EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

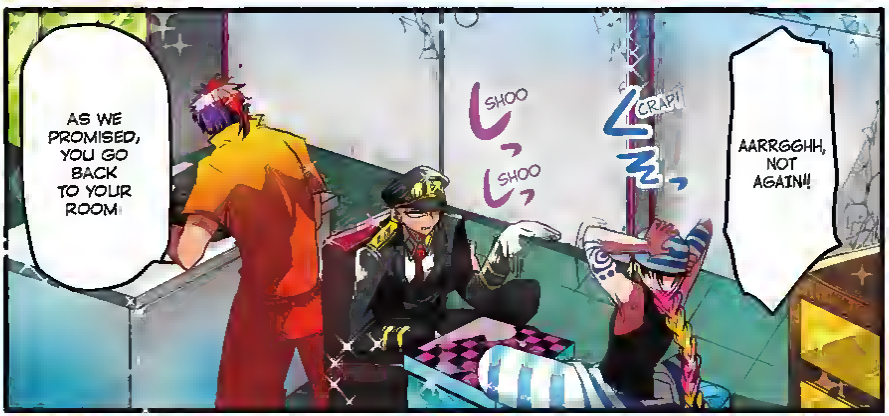
STARE
LUCKY.. I WANT A FLAG.
HMM...
BUT I REALLY WANT MY OWN FLA-
STAB
DIP
SULK
I SHOULD'VE GOT FRIED RICE, TOO
THE DOCTOR SAID YOU HAVE A WEAK STOMACH STICK WITH SOMETHING EASY TO DIGEST
BUT THE SOUP HERE IS REALLY GOOD
I'LL GIVE YOU MINE IF YOU WANT IT
WOOOOW!! IT'S BOSNIA AND HERZE-GOVINA!!
GASP
GIGGLE
YAY! YAY!
WHOA, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT FLAG BEFORE. THAT'S PROBABLY A RARE ONE!
T-THANKS, SHIRO..

NIKO.
HEY,

DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS A BIT MUCH?
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT MORE ON OURS, TOO.
YEAH, I ACTUALLY AGREE.
もっさぁ
JAM-PACKED
CROWDED
みっちり

STAB
STAB

CHECK-MATE


AS WE PROMISED, YOU GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
SHOO
SHOO
CRAP!
AARRGGHH, NOT AGAIN!!

HEY, PUT KUU DOWN.
TROT
TROT
I GUESS SO.
WELL, WE KILLED SOME TIME BEFORE LUNCH ANYWAY.

YOU DONE ALREADY ?
LET'S GO BACK, ROCK
ALL RIGHT, I LOST. HAPPY ?
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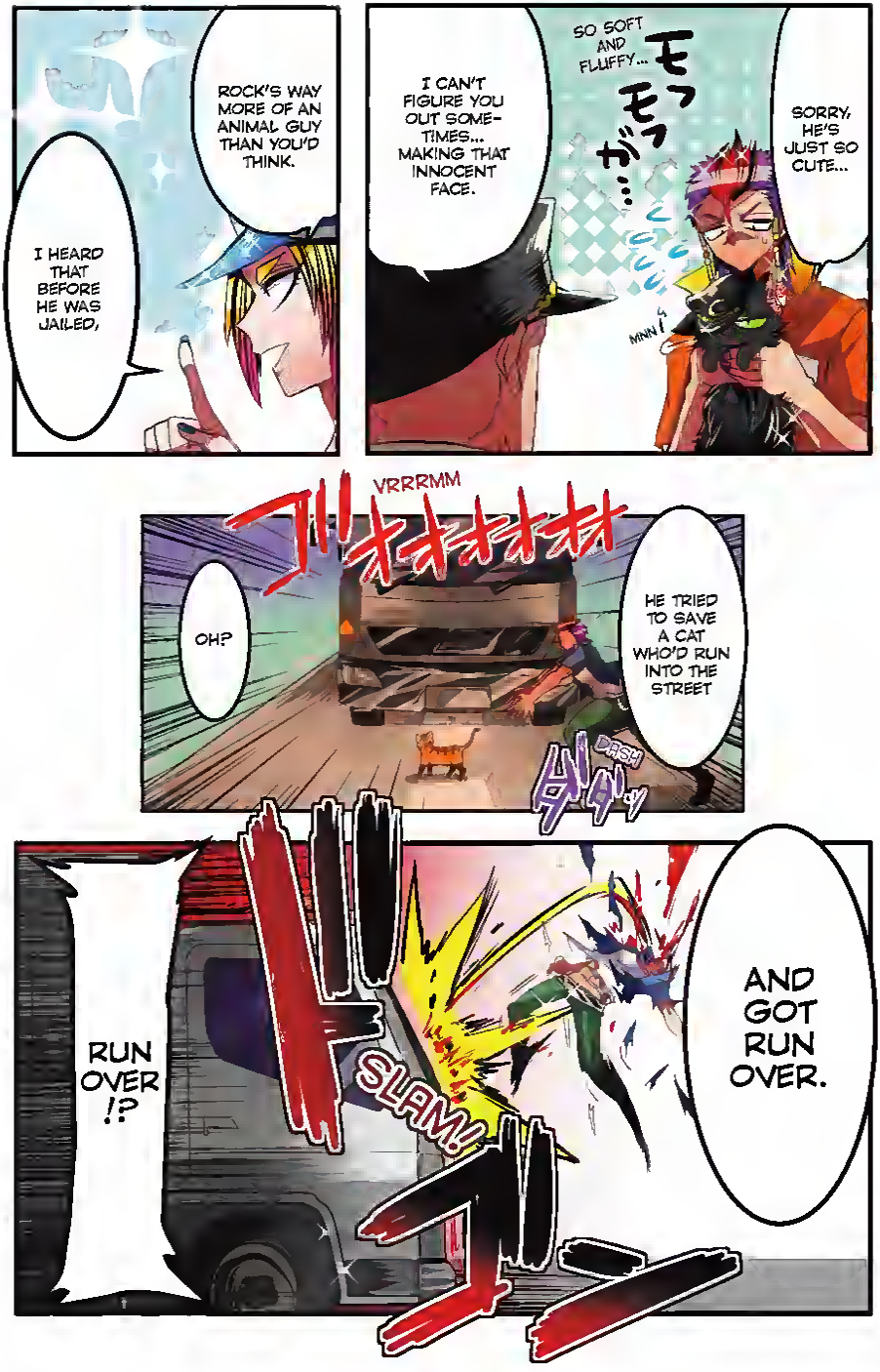
MAAN


ROCK'S WAY MORE OF AN ANIMAL GUY THAN YOU'D THINK.
I HEARD THAT BEFORE HE WAS JAILED,
I CAN'T FIGURE YOU OUT SOMETIMES... MAKING THAT INNOCENT FACE.
SO SOFT AND FLUFFY...
モフモフ...
SORRY, HE'S JUST SO CUTE...
MNN
VRRRMM
OH?
HE TRIED TO SAVE A CAT WHO'D RUN INTO THE STREET
DRIGH
RUN OVER !?
SLAM!
AND GOT RUN OVER.

YIKES...
ARE YOU EVEN HUMAN?
THE CAT WAS FINE, TOO. I WAS SO RELIEVED.
MAN, SUCH A GREAT STORY!
LUCKILY, HIS INJURIES WEREN'T LIFE-THREATENING.
HE HE
CAN'T BLAME A GUY FOR TRYING...
GEEZ, YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO TAKE KUU EVERY CHANCE YOU GET.
UGHH...
MNN
WHOA WHOA WHOA. WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU HOLDING NOW!?
TURN
YEAH.
LET'S HEAD BACK.
NO!

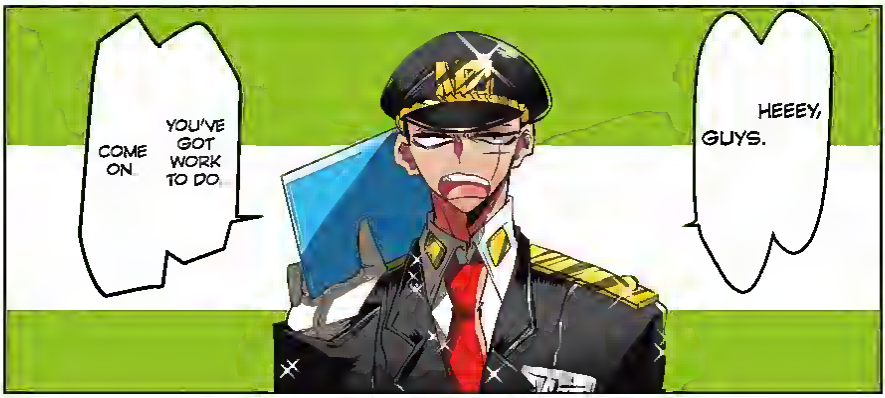
YOU DON'T KNOW!? YOU SHOULD SERIOUSLY GET CHECKED !!
NO IDEA.
WHOSE CAT IS THIS?
ZZZZ
SNOOZE
DID YOU JUST BRING A CAT IN HERE WITHOUT KNOWING IT? YOU MIGHT WANNA GET YOUR HEAD CHECKED.
AND BIG...
でかい!
SORRY.. HE'S JUST SO CUTE...
な〜ん
NAAAN
I HAVE A FEELING I'VE SEEN THAT CAT BEFORE SOME-WHERE...
ドカドカドカドカ
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
おも
SO HEAVY
うーん
HMMM
GEEZ, WHERE DID HE COME FROM ...?
CRASH!!

KITCHEN CAT
"89"(HAKU)

SHIRO IS SECRETLY TAKING CARE OF HIM.

A BIT OF A FOODIE.

CHAPTER 9
報告
REPORT
INMATE NO.
BLDG 13
PROBLEM
DANGER
NANBA PRISON BLDG 13 GUARD
"SEITAROU TANABATA"
AKA: SEITAROU
HOBBY: SEWING
NATIONALITY: JAPANESE
INMATE NO.
要注意!
SECURITY RISK!


COME ON
YOU'VE GOT WORK TO DO.
HEEEY, GUYS.

WAKE UP, NO.25!!
AWIIIGHT.
1369

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PANG
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PANG
ゴォーン
PANG

ゴーン
GONG
ゴーン
GONG
TODAY, BUILDING 13 IS ASSIGNED TO THE WOODWORKING DEPARTMENT.
ALL OF YOU GO TO YOUR DESIGNATED POST.
AYE-AYE.
ガタ
CLUNK
IT'S KINDA DULL.
ガタ
CLUNK
SO WHY DO WE HAVE TO MAKE DRESSERS?
DON'T SAY THAT. IT'S AN EASY JOB, DON'T YA THINK?
THEY'RE JUST CHISELING AND ETCHING PIECES OF WOOD.
CARVE
カリ
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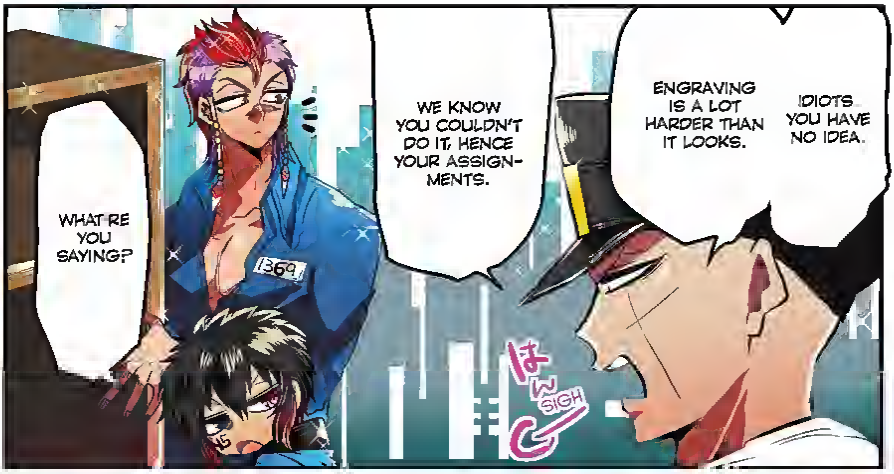
カリカリ
THE ENGRAVING THAT NIKO AND UNO ARE DOING LOOKS EASIER.
REQUIRES LESS ENERGY.


IDIOTS YOU HAVE NO IDEA.
ENGRAVING IS A LOT HARDER THAN IT LOOKS.
WE KNOW YOU COULDN'T DO IT, HENCE YOUR ASSIGN-MENTS.
WHAT RE YOU SAYING?
B69
はぁ SIGH

I'M SAYING, THE FURNITURE MANUFAC-TURED IN THIS PRISON HAS A HIGH MARKET-PLACE VALUE.
THE ENGRAV-INGS ARE A KEY FEATURE OF OUR WOOD-WORKING PROCESS.
I GUESS NIKO AND UNO ARE GOOD WITH THEIR HANDS.
OH?
GLEAM
キラ
THE 職人芸
THE CRAFTSMANSHIP

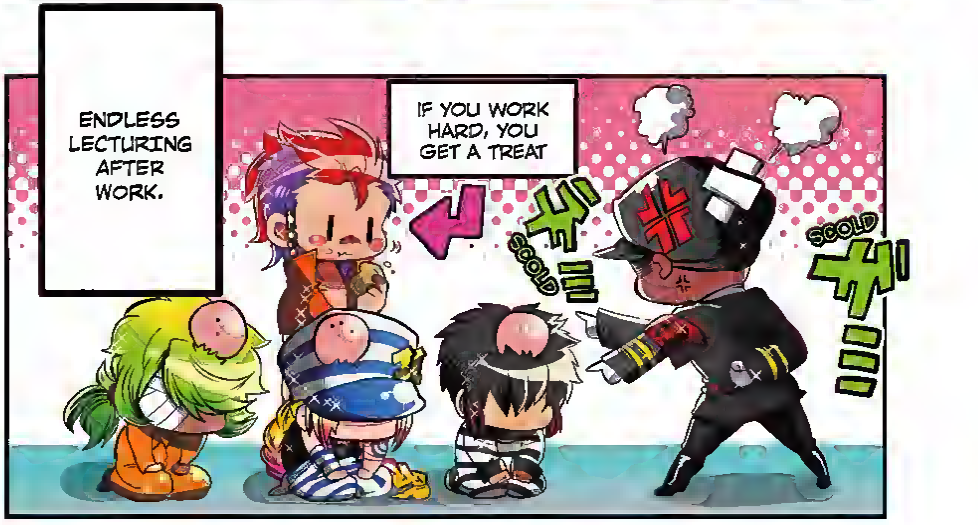
YAAY, I'M DONE!
HM?
THAT WAS FAST. LET'S SEE IT.

TA-DAH!
WOODEN SPACE ROBOT!!
STIGGER
AWESOME!!
カッコイイ!!
キラ SPARKLE
キラ SPARKLE
DO YOUR JOB !!
AH
RAGE
WHACK
SHOSHH

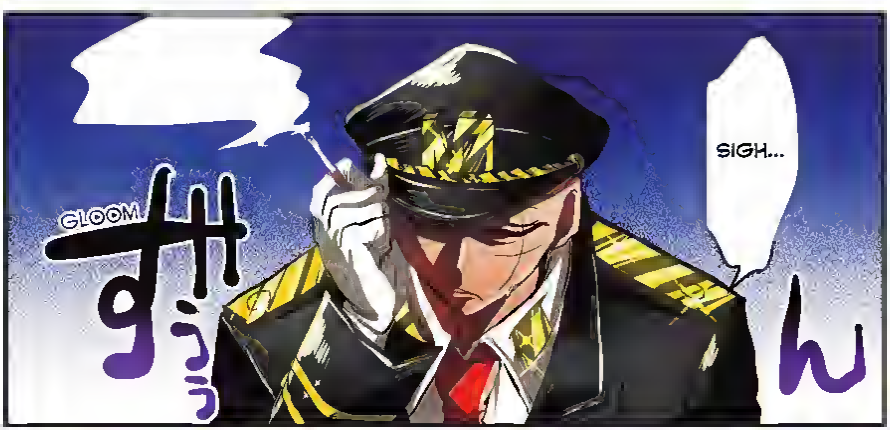
TURN
ALL RIGHT! FINISHED !!
OKAY, NO. 11...
YOU BETTER HAVE DONE IT RIGHT.
SO CUTE
超Cute
キラ
SPARKLE
MY VERY SPECIAL
BUNNY GIRL DOLL!!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU...
CRACKLE
RAGE
PLEASE HOLD MOMENTARILY.
しばらくお待ちください
キャ
CYAAAAHHHH!!

YO--,
HAJIME, WE'RE DONE HERE.
ゴウン
CLANK
ゴウン
CLANK
IDIOTS, EVERY ONE OF YOU...
GRUMPY
ぷんすこ
WHAT D'YA MEAN, RARE?
A RARE SHOW OF EFFORT.
HMM.
NOT BAD FOR YOU TWO.
WELL, I DID MOST OF IT.
AYE-AYE.
TURN
くるっ
ALL RIGHT. USE THE REMAINING TIME TO START ON THE NEXT ONE.

OWWW!!
WHAT!? THAT'S WAY TOO COOL!!
I FORGOT TO MENTION THIS DRAWER SLIDES OUT AUTO-MATICALLY.
OH, YEAH.
SLIDE
WHAM!
CLICK


ENDLESS LECTURING AFTER WORK.
IF YOU WORK HARD, YOU GET A TREAT
SCOLD
SCOLD

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE JUST A KID



SMOKING
SIGH
DROOP
YOU GUESSED RIGHT... MY STOMACH'S BEEN HURTING EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT OUR BOSS FINDING OUT ABOUT THE PUNKS IN BLDG 13 ROOM 13...
SOMETHING THE MATTER, SIR?
THOUGH... I CAN KIND OF GUESS ...

STOP... DON'T TALK LIKE THAT... THIS IS WHY I WORK SO FRANTICALLY EVERY DAY...
STOP CRYING!!
泣くな!!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US...? WE'LL PROBABLY BE SACKED, RIGHT...?
IF THE WARDEN EVER FINDS OUT ABOUT THESE VIOLENT DAY-TO-DAY PRISON BREAKS,
SOB
I GET FRANTIC WATCHING HIM.
SERI-OUSLY,
はあ
SIGH
SMOKING
3

OH, CRAP!! I'M CAUGHT!
DON'T! I GOT HIM, THERE'S NO NEED!
SH... SHOULD I MAKE THE CALL...
CLICK
REACH
CLICK
CLICK
YOU'RE SO FULL OF IT! YOU JUST CAME HERE TO MESS WITH ME, DIDN'T YOU!?
I WAS BORED.
WERE YOU LISTEN-ING!? ABOUT MY STOMACH PAIN!!
SNAP
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
GRAB
15
IN ANY CASE, GO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE FROM #13 HAS ESCAPED, SEITAROU!! I'LL WATCH THIS ONE!
THUD
Y... YES, SIR!!
REPORT
SUPERVISOR HAJIME SUGOROKU
WHISTLE
BUILDING 13
SHEESH ... HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THIS TRICK WILL WORK ...?
YEINK
I GUESS I'LL WRITE THAT I TOOK YOU TO THE LIBRARY OR SOMETHING ON THE REPORT.
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE

COULD YOU JUST.. PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES FOR ONCE ...?
SIGH... ああ...
YOU MEAN, AS A PRISON GUARD?
はぁ HAH
WHETHER I GET MY PAY CUT, OR GET DEMOTED,
OR FIRED.
THEN AGAIN, WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU GUYS CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, RIGHT?

WELL, THINK ABOUT IT.
I'M THE ONE BREAKING THE RULES.
WHY DO YOU NEED TO BE RESPONSI-BLE?
WHA-!?
SHOW SOME COMPAS-SION, WILL YA!?
IF THEY FIND OUT, THEN THEY FIND OUT.
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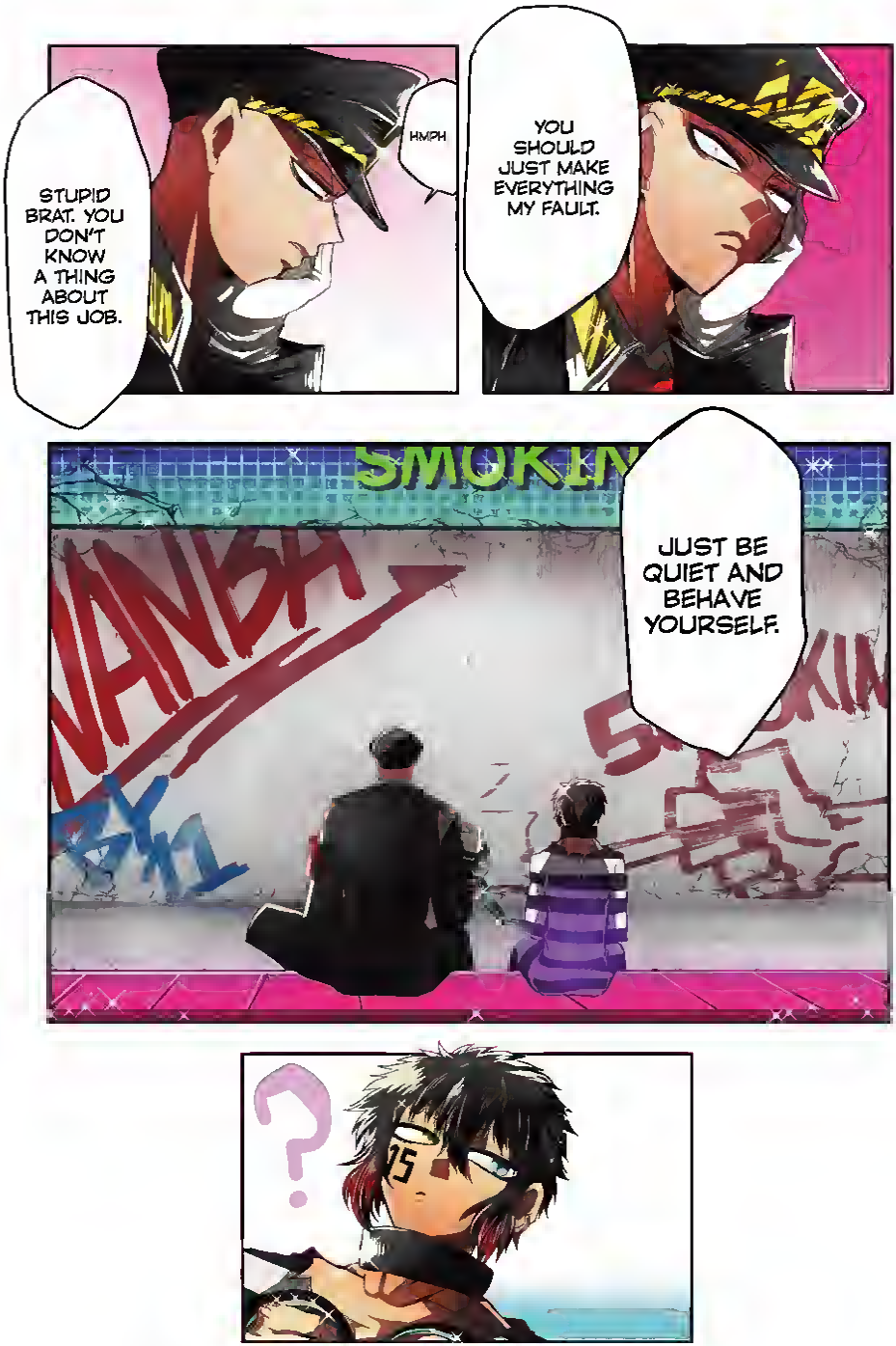
STUPID BRAT. YOU DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THIS JOB.
HMPH
YOU SHOULD JUST MAKE EVERYTHING MY FAULT.
JUST BE QUIET AND BEHAVE YOURSELF.
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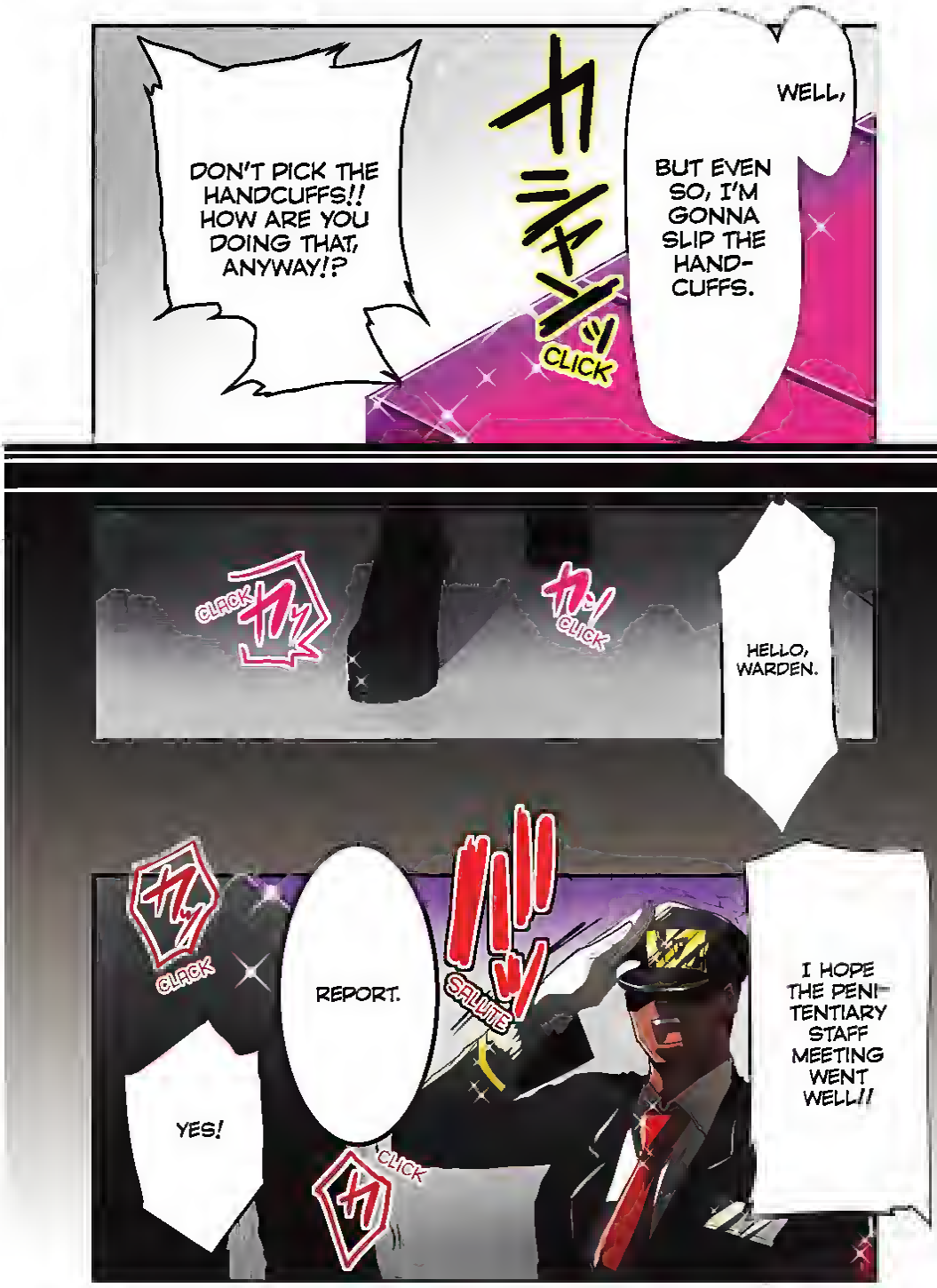
DON'T PICK THE HANDCUFFS!! HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT, ANYWAY!?
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WELL, BUT EVEN SO, I'M GONNA SLIP THE HAND-CUFFS.
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HELLO, WARDEN.
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REPORT.
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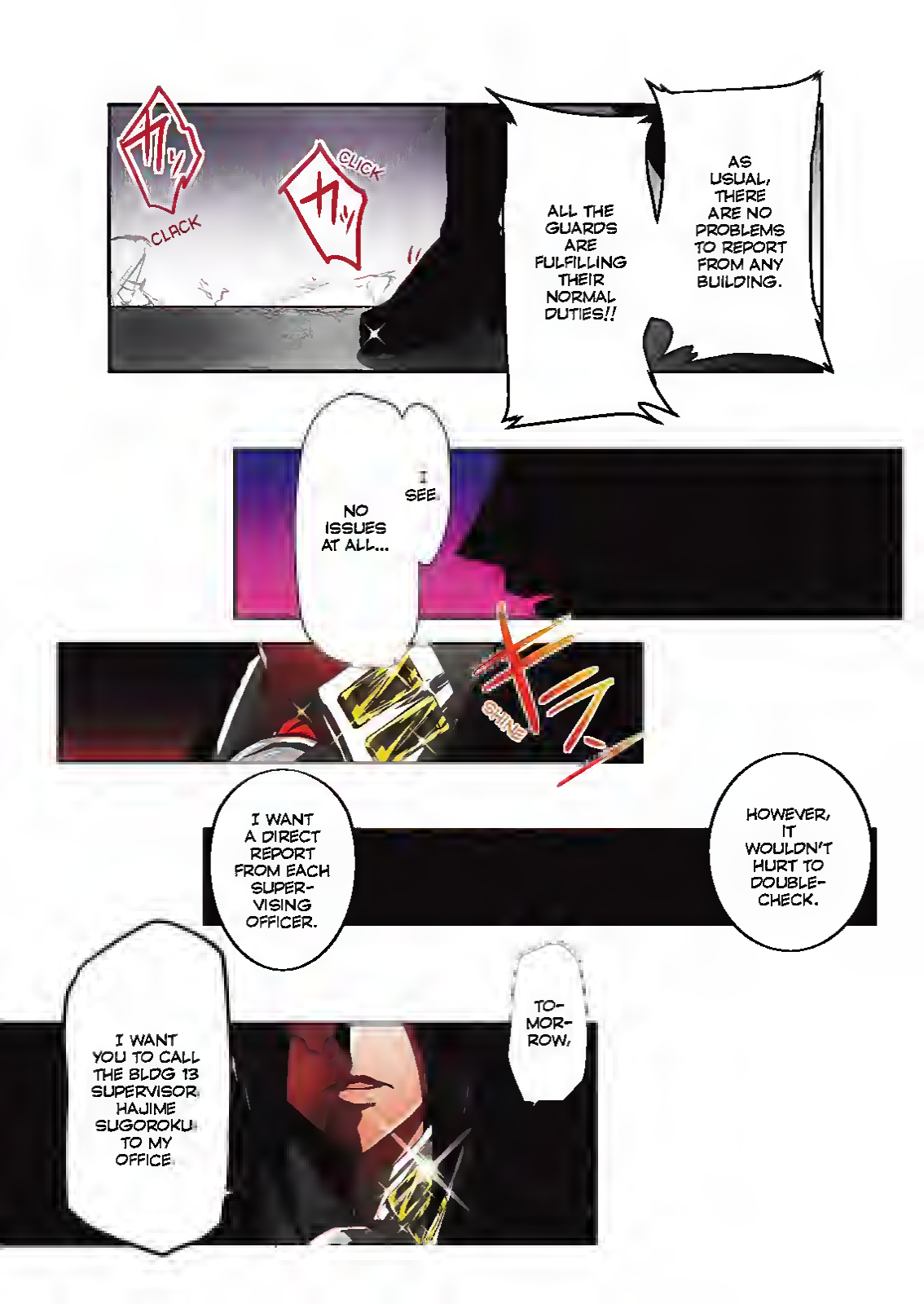
I HOPE THE PENI-TENTIARY STAFF MEETING WENT WELL!!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ALL THE GUARDS ARE FULFILLING THEIR NORMAL DUTIES!!
AS USUAL, THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS TO REPORT FROM ANY BUILDING.
I SEE.
NO ISSUES AT ALL...
SHINE
I WANT A DIRECT REPORT FROM EACH SUPER-VISING OFFICER.
HOWEVER, IT WOULDN'T HURT TO DOUBLE-CHECK.
I WANT YOU TO CALL THE BLDG 13 SUPERVISOR, HAJIME SUGOROKU, TO MY OFFICE.
TO-MOR-ROW,